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COMMUNIST COLUMNS WITHIN FIVE MILES OF PEIPING

Nanyuan Airfield On City's Southern Outskirts Taken

Nanking, December 14.

The Government confirmed today that the war situation had turned critical around Peiping where General Lin Piao's Communist columns were reported to have battled their way within five miles of the main North China city.

Authoritative sources said here this afternoon that Communist troops converging on Peiping had captured Nanyuan air field, on the city's Southern outskirts.

Reds Promise Fair Treatment

Shanghai, December 14. Categorical denying reports that the Communist authorities in North China are terrorizing the people in Communist-occupied areas, the Communist Radio in North China this morning called on the population in Nationalist China not to be misled by such rumours and carry on business normally, pending the arrival of the People's Liberation Army.

The Radio gave the assurance that the Communists would accord fair treatment to all people, including members of the Kuomintang Party and militarists, citing the example in Taiwan, where, the broadcast claimed, 90 per cent of Government employees are now working for the Communists in private enterprises, which are functioning normally.—Reuter.

Premier Meeting Difficulties

Shanghai, December 14. Premier Sun Fo was reported today to be meeting with increasing difficulties in his efforts to form a new Cabinet as the Kuomintang peace and disarmament elements continued behind the scenes to struggle for key positions in the Government.

Chinese political circles said that Dr. Sun Fo would make a final attempt to complete his ministry, following his return to the capital tomorrow or Thursday before referring the issue to President Chiang Kai-shek for final decision.

Working from his sick bed, the Premier thus far is reported to have received preliminary reports from General Chang Chun, Dr. Wang Wen-hao and General Chang Chih-chung—all liberals and known to favour a compromise with the Communists—that they in principle would join the Cabinet.

Mr. Shao Li-tze, popularly known as the "old man of peace" who withdrew his consent two days ago, has hitherto refused to change his mind.

The reported agreement of General Chang Chun and Chang Chih-chung to join the Government would suggest that the more liberal elements within the Kuomintang will have a voice in the administration.

Chinese political circles said that Chang Chih-chung was one of the few top-ranking Kuomintang leaders who advised the Government, following the fall of Mukden, to study again the question of resuming political consultations with the Communists.

But the refusal of Shao Li-tze, elder Kuomintang leader, who took an active part in former peace talks, suggested that the more liberal Kuomintang elements still were dissatisfied with the "fight to the bitter end" policy of several potential ministers.—Reuter.

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Loss of the air-strip was confirmed with the failure of General Kuo Tso-ni, Commander-in-chief of the army's combined service supply, to land at Peiping when he attempted to supply General Fu Tso-yi's hard-pressed Nationalist forces. He returned here this afternoon without landing.

Informed sources here expressed fears that General Fu Tso-yi is now operating under the strategy of evacuating outlying points to concentrate on the defence of Peiping and Tientsin and will not be able to withstand a long Communist siege for lack of both food and coal supplies.

It is believed here that a decision in the North China situation will be reached within the next two weeks and the outcome may not be altogether favourable to the Government.

It is pointed out that whereas the Government's original plan was to supply at least ten divisions of General Fu Tso-yi with American arms and equipment, so far only three divisions have been so equipped.

Brighter Spot

Against Fu Tso-yi's inadequate equipment and supplies, troops, the Communist forces under Lin Piao are believed to have decided superiority following their recent conquest of Manchuria.

Down South in Central China, a slightly brighter spot in an otherwise gloomy picture was furnished today by the reported success of General Chiu Ching-chuan's Nationalist army group to break through the Communist encirclement North West of Suhsien, while the 6th Army group under General Li Yen-nien was still making difficult progress in an effort to reach General Huang Wei's besieged troops from the South and East.

The latest reports said that in the general stalemate in the North Anhwei, fighting, Chiu Ching-chuan's army group had just broken through the Communist ring and was slowly moving southward over weak Communist opposition to relieve Huang Wei's 12th Army group, which was reeling from heavy casualties and compressed into an area only a few square miles.

Up to noon today, General Li Yen-nien's 6th Army group was reported to have gained ground, but was still three to four miles from Huang Wei's army group, now almost written off as lost, and believed at most to be able to hold for one or two days.

South of the vital railway town of Pengpu above Nanking, government troops were reported today to have successfully cleared the Communists from both sides of the railway line and were still extending their mopping up operations. At the same time, Communist columns were said to have been sent across the North Kiangsu region into the area below Lake Hongze, presumably to reinforce the Reds in harassing activities between Pengpu and Nanking.

Below Nanking

Fighting in central Kiangsu, along the Grand Canal, has shifted further South today with the Communists reported to be overrunning many points in the swampy region North of the Yangtze below Nanking.

Pro-Government reports said that one Nationalist artillery regiment crossed the river to reinforce the defence around Kaoyu, about 25 miles to the North of Yangchow.

Reports also said that following the Government evacuation yesterday of Peiping, halfway be-

tween Hweiyang and Kaoyu, intensified Communist activities were noted all around the regions of Kaoyu Lake, close to the Kiangsu-Anhwei border.

The Chinese Navy Headquarters today announced the sinking of several Communist craft down river near Kiangyung, 80 miles to the East of Nanking.—Reuter.

Situation Produces Quiet Canton Trade

Canton, December 14.

Trade in Canton is exceptionally quiet. Authorities attribute this to the uncertain political and military situation.

Smuggling of goods from Hong Kong via the Canton-Kowloon Railway has decreased considerably, owing, observers believe, to the business slump. The Shahu suburb, where smugglers used to get off the freight train from Kowloon, has been quiet for the past week.

There is some clandestine export of rice, tung oil, local piece goods and wolfram. Rice is intended for Malaya, while wolfram and tung oil are destined for the U.S. via Hong Kong.

Soviet Russia is also a buyer of smuggled wolfram apart from that it gets under a barter agreement with China.

There has been a decrease of buyers and merchants from Hunan, Lupeh and the Yangtze Valley. As a result the Canton-Kowloon Railway is suffering a decrease in revenue.

A plan to have a through train from Canton to Shanghai and Nanking has been cancelled because passengers did not buy tickets so long as they could fight their way into the coaches. Some who bought tickets could not board the train, especially between Shanghai in Kiangsi and Chuchow in Hunan. There were too many refugees, soldiers, stragglers and others who did not pay fare.

Prospective buyers of gold from the Central Bank are disappointed that the stock was sold out after releasing

the alertness of the Revenue Inspectors, the man concerned yesterday would have been successful in his attempt.

The gold in the railway case was beaten into a flat band and used as the upper frame-work of the case. The gold band was first neatly wrapped in rattan-coloured paper and then laced with the ordinary rattan pool.

The passenger was straggled and released on ball. The gold was valued at HK\$10,000.

CRATES OF MONEY FOR A SEAT



Unabated inflation in China has set the currency presses in operation again. The Chung Hwa Book Company in Hong Kong which ceased printing Chinese National Currency notes three months ago has resumed production—this time of Gold Yuan notes. Yesterday, more than 144 large wooden cases of Gold Yuan notes, sealed by the Chung Hwa Book Company, and many smaller packages in tin casing were sent from Hong Kong to Canton. In the picture above can be seen the many cases, loaded on to a large cargo junk. Hong Kong police constables were assigned to guard the loading.—"China Mail" Photo.

Manila Currency

Reports were current yesterday that Manila currency notes without the Victory stamp will not be accepted as legal tender after the end of the month.

Officials of the local Philippine Consulate told the "China Mail" yesterday that as far as the Consulate is aware, Philippine Treasury certificates of the pre-war series ceased to be legal tender on July 1 last.

The Treasury's Victory series were exchanged for pre-war series in May and June last.

Confidence In A Nanking Victory

New York, December 14.

A Scripps-Howard writer reports from Shanghai that the Nationalists are wondering how much more is necessary to convince Washington that their cause is not hopeless.

The Nationalist have confronted the pessimists for a month with the Nanking battle and if the Chinese war reaches a stalemate stage, United States aid to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek will become even more important, he says.

In the opinion of most observers, the despatch added, the military contest in the Yangtze River Valley will be decided on the Nationalists' generalship which ultimately will give victory to Nanking.

The Scripps-Howard writer says the question is whether there will be more defections such as that recently in the North, which could strip the Nationalists' strength. Thereon lies the unpredictability of the current battle.

The despatch said the Nationalists probably are superior in firepower and certainly in planes and tanks which the Communists lack.

If the battle becomes a question of a lower Yangtze crossing, the Nationalist navy also is likely to be brought into play since the river is deep and broad there, the writer says.

The Communists now have lengthened their supply line whereas the Nationalist lines are shorter than ever before.

He concluded: "And to win a war you have got to win only one battle—the last one."—United Press.

CHINESE STORY LIKE A DETECTIVE NOVEL?

Nanking, December 14.

The surge of military and political events flooding one upon another in these critical Chinese days has produced a vast amount of speculation and much wishful thinking, but few real clues as to how the drama will end.

Only super-optimists or the very naive grant the Nationalists a chance of pulling through. But how the cherished goal of peace will be reached, in what manner of government will next be installed and where it will stand in the parade of nations are pressing questions still begging an answer.

The Chinese story is like a detective novel, where the authority has reached the last chapter and is about to unfold the solutions hitherto carefully hidden.

Militarily, the most urgent question probably relates to North China rather than operations near Nanking.

Agreement

Following General Fu Tso-yi's withdrawal from the Tongshan mining area and the Communists' relatively easy advance on Peiping, the feeling persists in informed circles that this campaign may end abruptly with some kind of agreement between the Communists and General Fu—and with the Communists taking over the vast amount of American-supplied war equipment.

In Central China, the Communists are continuing the war of attrition against the encircled Nationalist armies Northward of Nanking and most observers give the Nationalists little chance of saving much from their dilemma.

It is even suggested that the Communists had deliberately scaled down their activities in this region and that they wait with many others to see what kind of war cabinet Dr. Sun Fo nominates in Nanking.

It is 10 days since Dr. Sun Fo accepted the post as Premier but he has just left the hospital in Shanghai and is expected in Nanking tomorrow.

Observers, it is suggested, which include Communists, wonder whether Dr. Sun Fo will name the former some form of a coalition government with the Communists.

or whether he will choose those who are committed to continue the fight until the last.

More Acceptable

Confession talk is again in the air although everyone acknowledges the fact that such a government would be heavily dominated by the Communists. But they also believe that the Communists would welcome the liberal elements who would make their government at least on the surface more acceptable to the Western powers.

The Chinese Communists, it is believed, desire some form of co-operation with the West, especially if it will bring economic aid. It is thought that various pressures from outside are being exerted upon the Nationalists to recognise the present predicament and consider a coalition for the sake of peace and economic recovery.

Rightly or wrongly, this pressure has been read into the words of Mr. Paul Hoffman, ECA administrator in Shanghai yesterday, promising continuing aid to a Chinese coalition government under certain conditions.

Hoffman tonight dined with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek but few think it likely that the President could be influenced to change his previously uncompromising attitude, even assuming that the subject was raised.

President Chiang will have no truck with the Communists and if and when the Communists enter Nanking, he at least will not remain. But there is a gathering feeling that comparatively few will follow him and that attempts to set up an effective government elsewhere will be futile.—Reuter.

Allied Sectors To Be Merged?

Berlin, December 13.

The United States, British and French sectors of Berlin may soon be merged into one under the city's legal government, British occupation officials said tonight.

This would be an answer by the Western Allies to Russia's action in setting up a Communist rump regime in its sector of the city.

The official British spokesman said the whole question of a merger of the Western sectors is now being discussed. Dr. Ernst Reuter, new Lord Mayor of the legal Berlin government which now has its headquarters in the Western sector, said he had been asked to give his views to the United States, British and French commandants on the possibility of the merger.

Colonel Frank Howley, United States commandant, said he could not confirm the British and German statements that early unification was planned. However, he added, "as a matter of fact, the three Western sectors are virtually unified now."

The British, American and French Military Commandants in Berlin have discussed German demands for use of the Western Deutsche mark as the sole legal currency in their sectors of the city, Dr. Reuter stated.

Dr. Reuter said he had talked this over with the Commandants since taking office last Tuesday, but would not say if they had agreed.

At present both Eastern and Western marks circulate in the Western sectors and rationed goods may be purchased with Eastern marks at parity, although on the open market one Western mark may be exchanged for nearly four Eastern marks.

The Lord Mayor said he had grounds for believing that 8,000 tons of supplies would be coming into Berlin daily over the shift in the next few weeks, compared to 8,000 tons daily at present.

"Even this is not enough, but it will considerably improve our position," he said.—United Press and Reuter.

HKVDC Bill Before Council

A Bill to provide for the establishment of the Hong Kong Defence Force will be read for the first time at the Legislative Council meeting today.

Details of the Bill were not available yesterday. The "China Mail" understands that the proposed ordinance will re-constitute the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps to include military, naval and air force sections.

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, will address the Council on the subject, and will broadcast his speech from ZBW at 8.10 p.m. this evening.

Shooting Match On Ferry

Canton, December 14.

A Chinese detective was killed, a robber wounded and a European narrowly escaped being shot when a motor ferry boat plying between Shamen and Paak Hok Tung in the suburbs was pirated in daylight yesterday, five minutes after it had left Shamen jetty.

The armed robbers posed as passengers and exchanged fire with a detective aboard. The last alive wounded one of the robbers before being shot to death.

One of the European passengers, Mr. A. Miguel, of the Portuguese Consulate, a bullet scar his back. The spent bullet was later found in his jacket.

The pirates, bounding the boat well beyond the harbour limits and robbed the majority of the passengers before decamping. A similar piracy occurred in December last year when several Europeans were robbed.—Reuter.

THE WEATHER

At 0500 GMT (4 p.m. HKST) the tropical depression was centred over moving W or WNE at 12 to 18 knots. A complex depression over Japan is intensifying and moving NE. Behind its associated trough, which extends across the Eastern Sea and along the S China coast, pressure is rising rapidly. Forecast: Moderate N winds, strong at times in exposed places tending NE later. Fine.

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Minimum: 62.8 deg. Fah.
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FAMILY WELFARE ASSN. TO BE FORMED IN HK

The formation of a Family Welfare Association, as part of the work of the Hong Kong Social Welfare Council, was unanimously approved at the annual meeting of the Council held at the PRO Lecture Room, yesterday evening.

Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, the Commissioner of Police, who was invited to speak, said the interest which the police took in social welfare was very deep.

There were two reasons for this. The first was that the policeman, more than anyone else, saw more of the social troubles in his midst than any other member of the community by reason of his duties. Secondly, social welfare had an important bearing on crime in general. The less crime there was, the less would be the work of the police, and the less the public would have to spend on the police force.

Winter As Well

Comparing conditions in Malaya and Hong Kong, Mr. MacIntosh said there was more difficulty in Malaya than in Hong Kong. In Malaya there might be the same poverty, but there were better living conditions, fresh air, sunshine, and generally cheap food and commodities. In Hong Kong, in addition to a terrible congestion, there was winter.

The big increase in population, from 600,000 to 700,000 in 1937 to more than one and three quarters millions today, has caused a severe housing shortage, and half of our social troubles may be attributed to this factor and the resultant breaking up of families which was the most tragic thing in life.

"At home we had this breaking up of families during the war years and the result was a big increase in juvenile crime, which was an inevitable aftermath," said Mr. MacIntosh.

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Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Monday included Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Von Hemmeln, Messrs. Karl Gustafson, Y. T. Wu, F. Salayany, W. C. Farnham, Sidney Smith, C. Parsons, W. H. King, P. Y. Huang, V. B. Buren, J. J. Shitery and H. A. Fredericks.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Monday were Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Sivik, Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Oldham, Mrs. M. A. W. Williams, Messrs. C. C. Manly, J. W. Whitrow, V. N. Shah, F. Chelgar, Roland von Kurnel, Eduardo Guzman, N. T. Chay, T. A. Major, S. E. Avery, V. Levy, A. Major, T. Goucelmann, Ch. Davidson, W. G. Brown, H. G. Harker, G. L. Costero and Captain H. T. China.

The Reverend Roland Koh will speak on "The American Home of Tomorrow" at the meeting of the Y. M. C. A. of Hong Kong. The Club will meet at the Roof Garden, Hong Kong Hotel, at 12.45 p.m.

The wedding of Mr. Alexei Brinkoff, book-keeper, of 90D Waterloo Road, ground floor, and Miss Ekaterina Karpushoff, of the same address, took place yesterday at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry. Officiating were Mr. C. A. Kniff and Mr. V. N. Vargosoff.

The following forthcoming weddings have been announced: Mr. Ronald Peters Parrell, merchant, of Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Margaret Jean Summers, stenographer, of Lytton House, Kowloon.

Mr. James Wong Tak On, medical officer, Kowloon Hospital, and Miss Nora Au Kit Ling, of 130 Nga Chin Wai Road, first floor.

Corporal Norman Allison, of the Hong Kong Signal Squadron, Lytton Barracks, and Miss Rose Lam, of 105 Talpo Road, top floor.

Major Peter Clague, of Officer's Mess, Murray Barracks, and Miss Heather Chalmers, of Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. George George Blocklin, pilot of Peninsula Hotel, and Miss Wilma Mae Weaver, nurse, of Gloucester Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. F. Chua, Mrs. U. F. Alusoff, Messrs. H. J. Eddo, Khoo Hai-kee and the Reverend Mr. Stephen Lee left for Bangkok and Singapore yesterday by CPA.

Messrs. D. C. Malik, Maung Tun-ming, Mr. and Mrs. Ee Ho Gan left for Rangoon yesterday by CPA.

Among the passengers who left by CPA yesterday for Manila were Messrs. C. Angeles, N. Johnson, Tan Chun, Basilina Ting, Hun To, and Ong Hok.

Mr. Fong Lee-shes, Mrs. Marie H. Singer, Miss Norma G. Honson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. O. Weinberger, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Greenland, Mr. William George and Mrs. Vera P. Bell have left Hong Kong for Australia by CPA.

Colonel and Mrs. H. M. O'Donnell, Mr. and Mrs. Shen Shao quan, Miss Tong Chih-hoon, Messrs. Leong Hoo-kow, Lee Nye-shin, Lee Kuy-chun and Private D. Kipping left by the Hui Lee yesterday for Singapore. On the same vessel bound for Holland was Miss C. McGreery.

Shipping Briefs

Philippine evacuees from North China left last night by the ms. "Everett" after a two-day stay. The first batch of evacuating Filipinos from Shanghai, these evacuees, including about 40 women, arrived here last Monday on the Philippine motorship on route to Manila, where it was earned, they will be taken to the Dillman (Quezon City) evacuation centre.

The Philippine Red Cross, the Philippine Relief and Trade Rehabilitation Administration will look after the evacuees. Mailing from widely-scattered parts of the Philippines, these evacuees were mostly musicians and artists. Many were thrown out of employment by the National Government austerity measures. Each has his entire belongings.

Today is the "red letter day" of the fishing community and nuptial activities will take place at several fishing "districts" in the Colony.

At Aberdeen, Hong Kong's fishing centre, four weddings have been arranged today, one to be held at "Yue Lai Tai" floating restaurant, where more than 150 guests will be entertained with marine delicacies.

Yesterday, the matchmakers went around in gaily-decorated sampans exchanging gifts and performing the necessary formalities.

"Something red—something for luck" could be seen in every nook and corner of the flag-bedecked sampans, aboard which were the black satin-dressed "officials."

The concrete ship "Feldspar" is now undergoing some patching up to be ready for use as storage for dangerous goods. Some parts were damaged in the year of the vessel, which arrived here from the Philippines after battling several days of stormy seas en route which forced it to divert its course to Takus, it was reported yesterday.

The foreign crew of the two aluminium super-structured river vessels, Chee Men and Shih Men, have been flown to Canada and an all-Chinese complement has been engaged.

The foreigners, including Canadians, Americans, British and Norwegians, brought the two vessels to Hong Kong from Quebec City successfully overcoming adverse weather and circumstances during the 12,000-mile route.

The United States Navy cruiser "Pamona" is due to arrive here tomorrow. She will leave on December 21.

HMS Concord will be here to-day from Singapore, and is due to depart on December 20.

The P. and O. cargo liner, ss. "Sufat", which is to arrive here on January 2, on her maiden voyage. She is the second of four 9,000-ton cargo liners to be placed on the P. and O. Europe-Orient service.

VETERAN STEAMER FOR SCRAPHEAP

A former submarine depot ship, the ss. "Wuchang", now lying off Stonecutters, is to be broken up. Built by the Taikoo Dockyard here in 1914, the "Wuchang" has been sold by her owners, China Navigation Company, to be turned into scrap, after a colourful 34-year service, first as a cargo steamer, a passenger-freighter, a hulk for the company's vessels and lastly as a submarine depot ship.

Originally built as a cargo vessel, the "Wuchang" saw service in the Lower Yangtze River. In June, 1933, she was converted into a passenger freighter at Shanghai, and returned to her original trade, between Shanghai and Hankow.

The Japanese invasion of China in 1937 forced the company to withdraw the "Wuchang" from the Yangtze and in early 1939 she was taken down to Hong Kong. The "Wuchang" then operated on the company's Canton run. After two months she went to Hainan and served as a hulk for the company's vessels. The "Wuchang" returned here in April, 1940.

Worsening conditions in the Far East sent her down to Singapore, where she remained until before the Japanese occupation.

The Royal Navy requisitioned her and the "Wuchang" was converted into a submarine depot vessel at Ceylon, where she served until the end of the war. The "Wuchang" came back here early in 1946 when she was handed back to the Company by the naval authorities. She was sold recently to be broken up as scrap.

Measuring 331 feet long with a 46-foot beam, the "Wuchang" is capable of holding 2,078 tons of cargo on a draft of 13 feet, three inches.

Rev. Fr. M. C. Pelly, S.J., will give the December lecture in the St. Thomas More Association monthly series of Talks on Thursday at 5.30 p.m., at the Catholic Club, King's Building. His subject will be "The Apostleship of the Sea"—the world-wide Catholic welfare organisation for seamen, which has recently been established at Hong Kong. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

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- 1 " Luscious Vermouth
- 1 " Port
- 1 " Sandeman Gin

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- 1 " Martell Brandy
- 1 " Luscious Vermouth
- 1 " Port
- 1 " Sandeman Gin
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- 1 box Alhambra Corona Cigars (25)

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- 1 " Luscious Vermouth
- 1 " Port
- 1 " Henriet Champagne
- 1 tin Gold Flake Cigarettes (50's)
- 1 box Alhambra Corona Cigars (25)

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- 1 Bottle Scotch Whisky
- 1 " Brandy
- 1 " Cherry Port
- 1 " Kernmann Liqueur

Hamper No. 6 for \$88.50

- 1 Bottle Scotch Whisky
- 1 " Martell Brandy
- 1 " Henriet Champagne
- 1 " Luscious Vermouth

Hamper No. 7 for \$52.00

- 1 Bottle Hennessy Brandy Three Star
- 1 " Seagram's Whisky
- 1 " Gordon's Gin

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- 1 packet Welch's Sweets
- 1 tin Cadbury's Sweets
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- 1 tin Huntley & Palmers Assorted Biscuits
- 1 lb box Nelson's Chocolates
- 1 Packet B&H Sweets
- 1 tin Welch's Sweets
- 1 Jar B&H Sweets

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- 1 lb Box Sweets
- 4 bars Nelson's Chocolate
- 1 tin Cadbury's Chocolate Biscuits
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NOTICE

THE SHANGHAI EXPLORATION & DEVELOPMENT CO., LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Twenty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the Board Room, South China Morning Post Building, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 30th December, 1940, at 12.15 P.M. for the following purposes.

- To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1940.
- To elect a Director and six Directors' Fees.
- To elect Auditors.
- To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd December, 1940 to 4th January, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEORGE McBAIN, General Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 14, 1940.

NOTICE

THE SHANGHAI-SUMATRA-RUBBER ESTATES, LTD.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances, Hongkong)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifteenth Ordinary General Meeting of the above-named Company will be held at the Board Room, South China Morning Post Building, Hongkong, on Thursday, the 30th December, 1940, at 12 noon for the following purposes.

- To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the period ended 31st December, 1940.
- To elect a Director.
- To elect Auditors.
- To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 23rd December, 1940 to 4th January, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GEORGE McBAIN, General Agents.

Hongkong, 9th December, 1940.

TENDER NOTICE

CUSTODIAN'S WHARF (formerly known as Osaka Shosen Kaisha)

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate will be received at the Office of Custodian of Property, 2nd Floor—Colonial Secretariat, until noon on Wednesday, December 22, 1940, for the hire of a wharf known as the Custodian's Wharf (formerly Osaka Shosen Kaisha), situated on the water front off Connaught Road, Central, Hong Kong.

Tenders should be clearly marked "Tender for hire of Custodian's Wharf".

The tenancy will be on a month to month basis commencing on January 1, 1941.

If any tenderer requires further particulars he may apply to the Custodian of Property (Tel: 39286).

The Custodian does not bind himself to accept the highest or any tender.

W. R. N. ANDREWS, Custodian of Property.

NOTICE

ROYAL OBSERVATORY

A number of Technical Officers and Assistant Technical Officers are required immediately at the Royal Observatory.

Candidates must have a sound knowledge of English and a minimum of three years meteorological or technical experience for appointment as Technical Officers. Less experienced applicants with qualifications not lower than the standard of Intermediate Science or its equivalent will be eligible for appointment as Assistant Technical Officers. Basic salary scales are:

Technical Officers:—\$4,800; \$4,800; \$4,800; \$5,100 x \$300 to \$7,200 x \$480 to \$9,600.

Assistant Technical Officers:—\$3,000; \$3,000; \$3,500 x \$300 to \$4,200.

Candidates should apply in their own handwriting to the undersigned.

G. S. P. HEYWOOD, Director.

Royal Observatory.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO. LTD.

NEW ISSUE OF SHARES

Shareholders are reminded that under the terms of issue the closing date for acceptance and payment is 31st December, 1940.

Payment must be made to THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, HONG KONG, on or before that date.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, LTD. General Managers.

December 15, 1940.

HARBOUR VIEW HOTEL

CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBER

Please note that our new Telephone Number will be 59123 (3 main lines) as from 15th December, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

Annual Race Meeting, 1940

Saturday 15th, Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th and Saturday 22nd January.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the first race will be run at 12.00 noon each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.).

There are 10 races each day (50 in all). The "Hong Kong Derby" is scheduled to be run on the third day, Tuesday, 18th January, Race No. 6 at 3.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 per day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member, to be responsible for all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office will close at 10 a.m. each day. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is 25 cents each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tie Ties, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

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YOU HAVE a repair job to do if you have given the impression, by some bid, pass or double, that your hand is stronger than it is, or that it is weaker than it is. If you don't fix up that situation in your partner's mind, he may take some action which will cost your side a good many points. Ordinarily the best time to straighten him out is such a vital matter is the first chance you get. When the bidding comes around to you the next time, you should try to find some way to set him right.

S 10 8 4 J
H 10 7 3
D 4
C K Q 10
4 3

S A J
H A K J 8 4
D K 9 8 6
C A 8

(Dealer: East. Neither side vulnerable).

East South West North
1 D 1 H 1 S 2 H
Pass 2 S Pass 3 D
Pass 4 C Pass 4 H

Pass 6 H

South was suspicious of East's opening bid as soon as he heard it. He had such a powerhouse that there appeared a good likelihood that East was making a psychic bid to impede his opponents, exactly what he was doing. But South also knew how a good hand can sink in value if nothing worthwhile is opposite it. That would be the case if

East happened to have a sound opening bid. So to play it safe, he merely made an overall impression of trying to show his strength by doubling.

When it came around to him again, however, he had the knowledge that his partner was able to make a free bid over West's spade call. Now he was convinced East had been feigning. So to tell North about his own power, he cue-bid the spade suit. North then was able to confirm what he had shown, and also indicate diamond control with his bid of 3-Diamonds.

When that got to South, he temporized by showing his club control. North confirmed the heart fit then, and South now went direct to a small slam in hearts.

West led the club K, and the slam was easy, a club being discarded from dummy on South's diamonds and nothing being lost except one trick in spades.

Tomorrow's Problem

S Q 10 4
H A 6
D 8 4 3
C A J 9 7 3

S 9 8 8 3
H 10 8 5 3
D Q 7 5 2
C 8

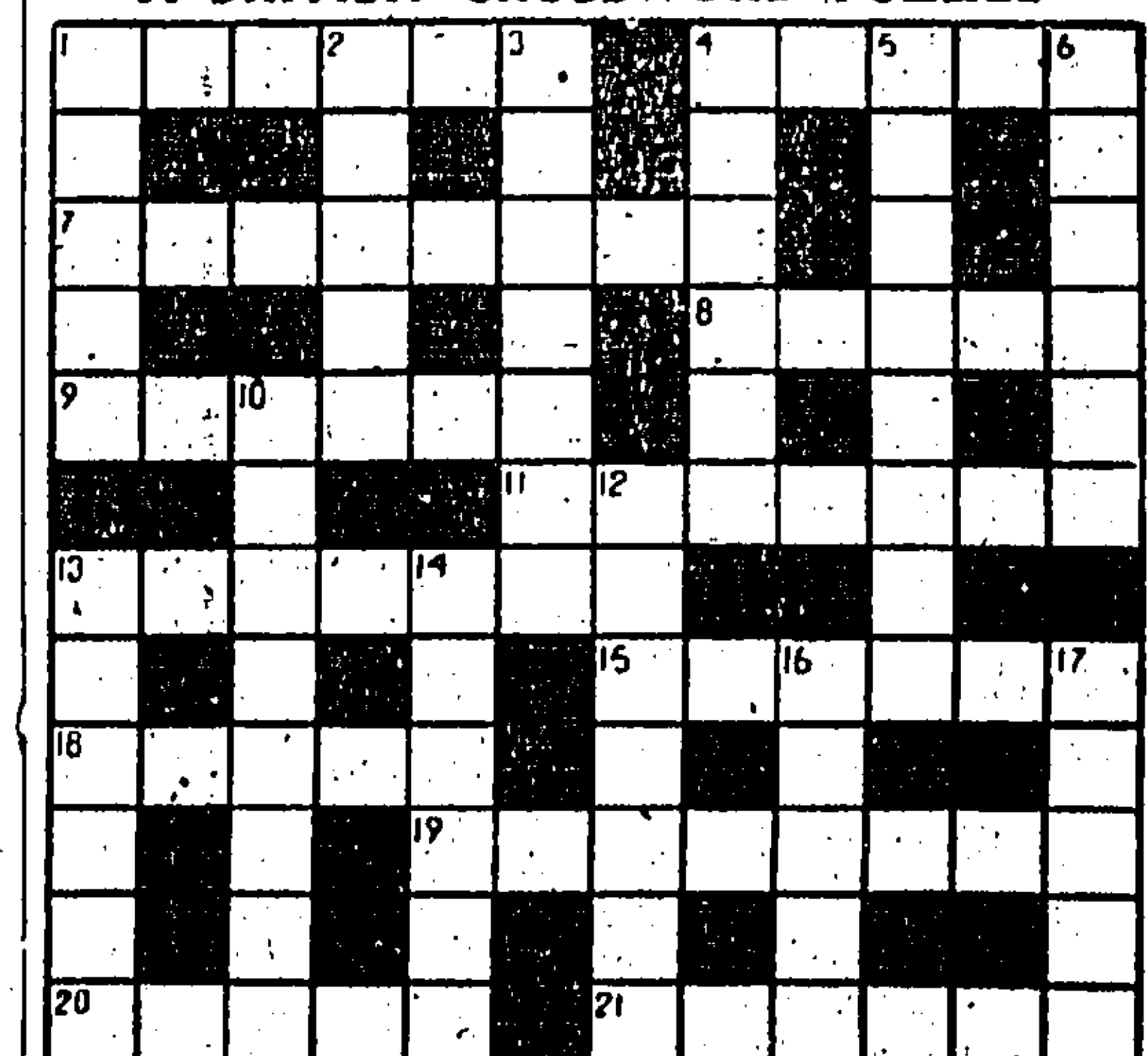
N E
W S
S K J 7 2
H 9 4 2
D J 10 6
C K Q 10

S A 5
H K Q J 7
D A K 9
C 5 4 2

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable).

How would you count the strength of South and North holdings, and how would you bid them?

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Across
1 Boil gently.
4 Friends.
7 Brave.
8 Sag.
9 Firearm.
11 Estate man.
13 Wind in and

Down
1 Give scanty
2 Worthless.
3 Drive back.
4 Confusion.
5 Allot.
6 Dense.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Mess, 4 Admired, 8 Tome, 9 Menu, 10 Impound, 11 Poise, 12 Hero, 14 Sattiate, 17 Inure, 19 Thong, 22 Treated, 26 Agree, 27 Saps, 28 Officer, 29 Toss, 30 Rado, 31 Relents, 32 Nude.

DOWN—2 Eleven, 3 Stupor, 4 Amble, 5 Demean, 6 Alacrity, 7 Nonet, 12 Hilt, 13 Tuse, 15 Agog, 16 Edgy, 18 Desert, 20 Hasten, 21 Nursed, 23 Rifle, 24 Agile, 25 Dares.

HK\$2.12 A WORD AT UN

Paris, December 14.

The newspaper France Soir estimates that each word spoken at the 12-week Paris session of the United Nations Assembly cost HK\$2.12.

It said the total oratory amounted to 10,000,000 words. Total expenses were 1,700,000,000 francs. That makes 172 francs HK\$2.12 per word—Associated Press.

Drink Rheingold The Most Wanted Beer

JAPANESE TO HAVE 'ARMY' OF 150,000?

Washington, December 13.

The United States is thinking of building an armed police force of 100,000 to 150,000 men in Japan.

Militarily speaking, no drastic change is contemplated in the United States' Far Eastern policy, but rather a gradual evolution whereby Japan will not remain a power vacuum after the occupying forces have left.

First official indication that the United States was thinking along these lines was last September, when Lieutenant General Robert L. Elchenberger returned from Japan and said he favoured an armed police force of 125,000 men.

Since then the Chinese situation has deteriorated rapidly, posing new problems in United States policy in Asia and crystallising thoughts concerning a Japanese security force.

All powers occupying Japan are committed by policy to disarming Japan and keeping her disarmed. The Japanese constitution commits Japan to complete disarmament. However, Japan is permitted to maintain certain forces inside the country for policing purposes and maintenance of order.

MacArthur Request

The contemplated force of 150,000 will not contravene either the policy or the constitution.

Both the U.S. Army and the State Department for a long time have opposed sending more substantial military aid to China on the grounds that it would not be properly utilized. There have been reports that General MacArthur, until the past few months, favoured going to Chiang Kai-shek's aid with large stocks of Army materials in Japan which were not being utilized by the occupying troops. However, this situation changed and stocks considered surplus or unnecessary for military use now are regarded as vital to defence. In view of these indications of changing outlook, there have been reports, completely lacking confirmation, that General MacArthur requested strong reinforcements and United States military policy-makers were considering rearming the Japanese. Whether the National Security Council is considering such a policy is not known. The Council's decisions are top-secret and no announcement is ever made on them. However, defence sources at lower level than the Security

Council insist that an armed police force is as far as United States planning goes now.

Necessary Stop

It is obvious that Japan cannot be left without security forces of its own when the occupying powers leave. Hence the necessity for building up and training a strong, well-disciplined police force.

The Defence Department does not formulate United States policy, nor does the National Security Council, President Truman and Congress can override both and force a re-appraisal of the entire Far Eastern policy.

However, past tendency has been for Mr. Truman and Congress to listen closely to political and military advice from the State and Defence Departments. A recent outstanding example of this is Madame Chiang Kai-shek's visit. Although China has a group of strong, vigorous friends in Congress, little has been heard from them since Madame Chiang arrived. Why? They may be taking their cues from the State and Defence attitudes, which are distinctly on the cool side.—United Press.

A Very Jolly, Bonny Baby

London, December 13.

The Swiss Minister to Britain, M. Henri de Torrente, and his wife, Madame de Torrente, presented to the Queen at Buckingham Palace today, saw Princess Elizabeth's baby son. They said afterwards that the infant Prince is a very jolly, bonny baby.

The Swiss Minister and his wife are the first of the diplomatic circle in London to see and describe Princess Elizabeth's son.—Reuter.

UNDERWRITING FOREIGN POLICY

London, December 13.

Moving the second reading of the National Service (Amendment) Bill in Lords tonight, Viscount Hall, First Lord of the Admiralty, said it was now clear that the period of 18 months for the service in the armed forces was unavoidable. Otherwise the country would not be able to meet its commitments.

"We have framed our foreign policy to meet the present world situation," he said, "and we must now underwrite it with men, money, and arms."—Reuter.

Colonial Exhibition In London Next Year

London, December 14.

A Colonial exhibition is to be held in London next year as part of a campaign to make the people of Britain more familiar with the social and economic life of the Colonial Empire.

This was announced in the House of Commons yesterday by Mr. David Rees-Williams, Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies.

The exhibition will be opened on June 20 and will last six weeks. It will be organised by the Central Office of Information, entitled "Partners in Progress" the exhibition will convey to the public the achievements, problems and policy of the British Government in relation to the Colonies. Film, lectures, film strips and picture sets are also to be used in the campaign to make the British people—especially children—more aware of the Colonies.

A booklet "Britain and the Colonies" details, for the first time, all the sources of information on the Colonial Empire.

In a foreword the Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, says:

"In building up Colonial responsibility and improving social and economic life, Colonial peoples will make a great contribution not only to their own prosperity but also to the recovery of a very sick world."

"Both their products and their markets are necessary for the world's economic health. And as full members of the British Commonwealth—for we naturally hope that will be their choice—they will strengthen still further our worldwide association of peace-loving peoples."

"Yet these great ends will not be achieved unless there exists in Britain during the coming years a body of really well informed and enlightened opinion."

Portugal To Stay On In India

Lisbon, December 13.

The Portuguese Minister for Colonies, Senhor Teófilo Duarte, tonight reiterated Portugal's intention to maintain her sovereignty in Portuguese India.

The Minister, who was speaking at the institution of the new Governor of Portuguese India, Commander Quintanilha Mendosa Dias, stated:

"This is due to the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Indian Union which minimise and correct certain attitudes taken up by elements sometimes irresponsible."

The Minister added that Portugal had no aspirations towards territorial expansion and no intention of intervening in Indian affairs.

Reviewing the internal position, the Minister said half the population of Portuguese India were Christians with Western habits who were well aware they lose much through a transfer of sovereignty.

The other half readily acknowledged Portugal's ancestral respect for their customs and traditions.

Referring to the new Portuguese-Indian Constitution, the Minister said: "Portuguese India may be sure her participation in local administration will be intensified."—Reuter.

Compromise On Colonies

Washington, December 13.

Italy will agree to British trusteeship of Cyrenaica as part of a compromise plan for the former Italian colonies.

The Italian Ambassador in Washington, Signor Alberto Tarchiani, told State Department officials that this plan was acceptable only if Italy was given trusteeship over Tripolitania, most of Eritrea, with a small coastal area being ceded to Ethiopia as an outlet to the sea, and all of Italian Somaliland.

Under the Italian peace treaty, all three colonies were placed under United Nations control until their future was decided.

State Department officials told the Ambassador that they would study Italy's proposals.—Reuter.

2 FLEE FROM REDS

Berlin, December 13.

Two members of a Soviet Zone firm, charged with having organised smuggling between West and East Germany, have fled to the Western Zones, the American-licensed newspaper, Abend, reported today. They were reported to be in hiding in Berlin, the newspaper added.—Reuter.

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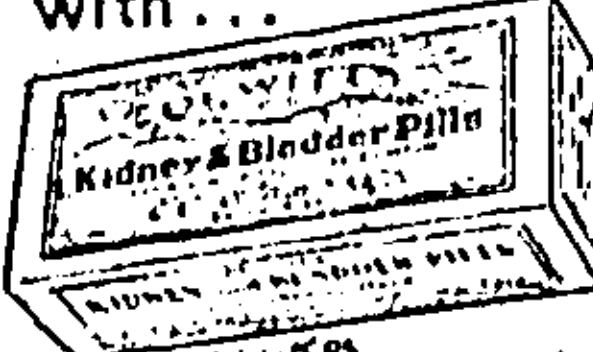
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IN TOWER OF LONDON

New York, December 13.

Information from the United States led in 1939
to the execution in the Tower of London of a
Soviet spy who had worked in the code room of
the British Cabinet.

The New York World-Telegram revealed this today.

The paper said the details supplied to the British came partly from Whittaker Chambers, an ex-Communist who is one of the central figures in the Congressional spy investigations, and gave as its source Isaac Don Levine, editor of the magazine Plain Talk, Russian-born former correspondent of the Hearst newspapers.

Levine told the World Telegram that he carried the information received from Chambers and from General Kravitsky, former Soviet intelligence chief in Western Europe, to Lord

Lothian, then British Ambassador in Washington.

Levine said he told Lord Lothian that the Kremlin had planted an operative not only on the staff of the British Cabinet but also in the Committee of Imperial Defence.

"I realized," he said, "that the British situation also meant that Hitler was being supplied with Allied secrets. I knew that the least Stalin was giving Hitler under the terms of the Soviet-Nazi Pact was documents."

Red Spy Ring

Lord Lothian was sceptical, said Levine, but after making inquiries said it had been established that a code clerk named King was a spy for Russia.

"Several weeks later," Levine said, "I received word that King had been convicted of treason and executed in the Tower of London. Meanwhile, General Kravitsky had gone to London, where he helped to smash a Soviet spy ring."

In London, the War Office declined to comment today on the report. An official said: "Regulations forbid us commenting on anything like this."—Reuter.

Hush-Hush On
New Carrier

Belfast, December 13.

An official of the Belfast shipbuilders, Harland and Wolff Limited, said today that the British Admiralty has banned details of the new aircraft carrier Bulwark.

On Admiralty orders, the tonnage and engine power of the carrier, launched last June, were omitted from the annual returns of the shipyard.

HMS Bulwark has been officially described as a sister ship of the light fleet carrier Centaur, launched at Belfast last year. The Centaur's tonnage was then given as 26,000 and her rating 83,000 initial horse power.—Reuter.

DANISH BUTTER
FOR BRITAIN?

London, December 13.

Britain hopes to make a new butter contract with Denmark at the beginning of next year, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, told Parliament today.

Reminding the House that Denmark's currency is soft and that Britain's programme is capable of alteration, Dr. Summerskill added: "Although the present contract costs something like £54 million, if the Danes made an attractive offer we will negotiate with them."—Reuter.

Uranium Find
In Australia

Adelaide, December 13.

A Government prospector has found uranium, described by the Australian Department of Mines as a promising discovery, in the Peake and Denison Ranges of Central Australia.

The Executive Council of the Northern Territory today proclaimed a 2,000 square miles area round the find as reserved for Government prospecting only.

Samples brought in by the Mines Department official who made the find were said to have given encouraging results.—Reuter.

WULKAN APPEALS
TO WINSTON

York, December 13.

Mr. Marcus Wulkan, brother of Sidney Stanley—the central figure in the Lynskey Tribunal hearings in London—announced today that he had appealed to Mr. Winston Churchill to raise in the House of Commons the "unwarranted attacks" made against his "good name."

In a cable to Mr. Churchill, Mr. Wulkan said he had received no reply to his telegram to Sir Hartley Shawcross, the Attorney-General, urging that he be given an opportunity to clear himself of his "unfounded accusations."—Reuter.

RICH JEWS WERE
ON GANG'S LIST

Acre, December 14.

The names of rich Jews, from whom money could be extracted, were on a list in the possession of the Stern Gang.

A military court trying two leaders of the outlawed Stern Gang on charges of belonging to an illegal terrorist organisation was told this today.

A document alleged to have been found at a Stern camp contained a list of 178 rich Jerusalem Jews from whom money could be extracted.

The document, read in court by the prosecutor, gave personal details of the Jews mentioned and

contained instructions as to when force and robbery should be used in cases of refusal to pay.

The two accused were Nathan Friedmann Yellin and Matityahu Shmuelovitz. The organisation, which took the name Luby after Britain surrendered her Palestine Mandate, was outlawed by the Jewish Provisional Government after Count Folke Bernadotte, U.S. Palestine mediator, was assassinated.

After Yellin had claimed that in correspondence the Government had dealt with the organisation as a legal party, the court refused a defence plea that there was no case to answer.

The court decided that the Government has the legal right to outlaw any group of persons as terrorists.

The prosecution's case concluded today after 24 witnesses had been called.—Associated Press.

LONDON BRIBE INQUIRY

ALLEGATIONS "QUITE
FANTASTIC"—BELCHER

London, December 13.

Sidney Stanley, stateless alien and a key figure in the bribe inquiry, had never spoken to him about a proposal to import amusement machinery from the United States.

This declaration was made to the Tribunal today by John Belcher, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade.

Henry Self, a London amusement caterer, had suggested the import of prototypes to enable Britain to manufacture this machinery, but he had given him no encouragement, Mr. Belcher said.

Mr. Belcher said Mr. Self had said nothing about £10,000 being paid to Board of Trade officials as a bribe so that a licence could be granted.

He agreed that he was spending his £2,000 a year salary to the full, although he was not in debt.

Asked about evidence by an earlier witness that he had once said he was looking for a business directorship, Mr. Belcher described the suggestion as completely foul and revolting.

He said he had no recollection of remarking to a businessman that one day he might be looking for a job. He said Stanley took him to see Isaac Wolfson, chief of the Great Universal Stores.

"Quite Fantastic"

Mr. Belcher was sure the meeting had not been arranged to offer him a directorship. He declared that he had no doubt that he would have carefully considered the matter very carefully if Mr. Wolfson had offered him directorship after he had ceased to be a Member of Parliament.

Asked if he had ever told businessmen to get directly in touch with him instead of going through the normal channels at the Board of Trade, Mr. Belcher answered: "It is quite fantastic. Only a madman would talk like that with somebody he had never met before."

Mr. Belcher said Sidney Stanley had never at any time made any suggestion to him about assisting in matters that seemed improper. He agreed that one idea Stanley had discussed with him was a permanent exhibition of British goods in the United States.

It was an idea that had been pursued to some extent. Stanley and he had also touched on the question of an American loan and, said Mr. Belcher, he remembered meeting a Walter Kirschner from the United States about this and about the Palestine situation.

Out For Popularity

He had gathered both Stanley and Kirschner were distressed by the actions of the terrorists in Palestine and Kirschner was

on his way to Paris to discuss what could be done to prevent it.

Mr. Belcher declared that since becoming Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, he had set out to popularise his Department with the business community.

He had rejected some borderline applications to the Board of Trade precisely because they had been submitted by personal friends.

Mr. Belcher was again questioned about the dropping of a prosecution for infringement of the paper regulations against Sherman's football pools.

He said there had been considerable political pressure on him from two sides—from Members of Parliament trying to help Sherman and from other Members who disliked football pool competitions.

"Preposterous"

Mr. Belcher described as preposterous allegations of bribery against Sir Frank Soskice, Solicitor-General, Mr. Glenvil Hall, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, and civil servants.

He left the witness stand after a total of almost 11 and a half hours.

Counsel for Mr. Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the Labour Party, asked if his client would be allowed to give evidence to refute allegations made by Stanley that he had gone to hostile parties with him.

The Chairman of the Tribunal, Justice Lynskey, said the Tribunal could not accept the evidence unless it was really relevant.

The Tribunal adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Guerillas
Suffer A
Reverse

Athens, December 13.

Greek troops supported by armoured cars today swept the guerillas out of the mountain town of Karditsa, Thessaly.

General Marko's forces held the town only a few hours. Unconfirmed reports said the town prefect had been killed by the guerillas, while some of the male population had been abducted.

Fighting continues outside the town.

In Washington, Mr. Henry Grady, United States Ambassador to Greece, said that a change in the Greek Army Command is expected soon.

Mr. Grady, who is making a routine report to the State Department, told a press conference that the United States military advisers had strongly advised a change in Greek army tactics, including the increased use of Commando-type troops.

A trained group of 1,000 Greek Army Commandos is now operating and he hoped there would be more.

There now about 23,000 guerillas and there is a good chance of a decided improvement in the situation by next summer. There is also good hope that the Peloponnese campaign will be cleared up in the next few months.—Reuter.

BOARD OF TRADE
CORRUPTION

London, December 13.

Four employees of the Board of Trade have been convicted of bribery or corruption since July, 1947, and discharged, Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

He did not give further particulars.—Reuter.

Sergeant Accused
In Daring Coup

Manila, December 14.

City detectives quickly solved yesterday's US\$75,000
Surplus Property Commission pay roll hold-up
in the heart of Manila.

They arrested Manila Police Sergeant Geronimo Pacheco, 58, less than two hours after the daring coup.

Also arrested were the Sergeant's 26-year-old college professor son, Mardonio, who was suspected by the police to be the master mind, and Jose Fernandez, 34, assistant disbursing officer of the Surplus Property Commission who, with two other SPC employees, was carrying the money in a motor car after getting it from the Philippine National Bank.

The police have recovered US\$27,000 of the stolen money.

In different houses in the city where the hold-up gang deposited it, Sergeant Pacheco's house was included.

Investigation established that the car was stopped by a man in police uniform while it was on its way back to the SPC office. An unidentified gunman then entered and ordered that the car be driven to an isolated spot in the ruined walled city. One of the SPC employees in the car identified the uniformed man as Sergeant Pacheco and his arrest promptly followed.

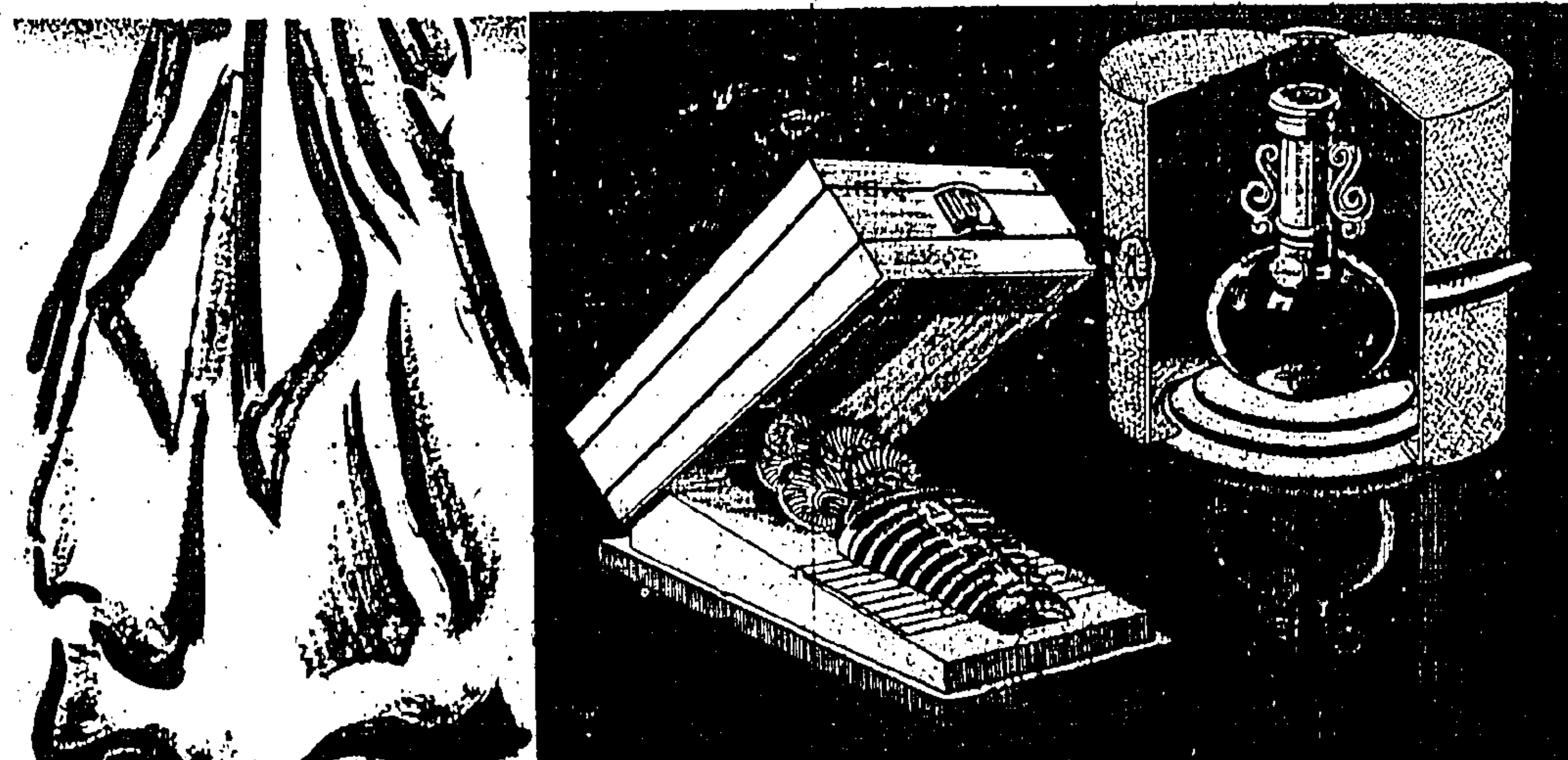
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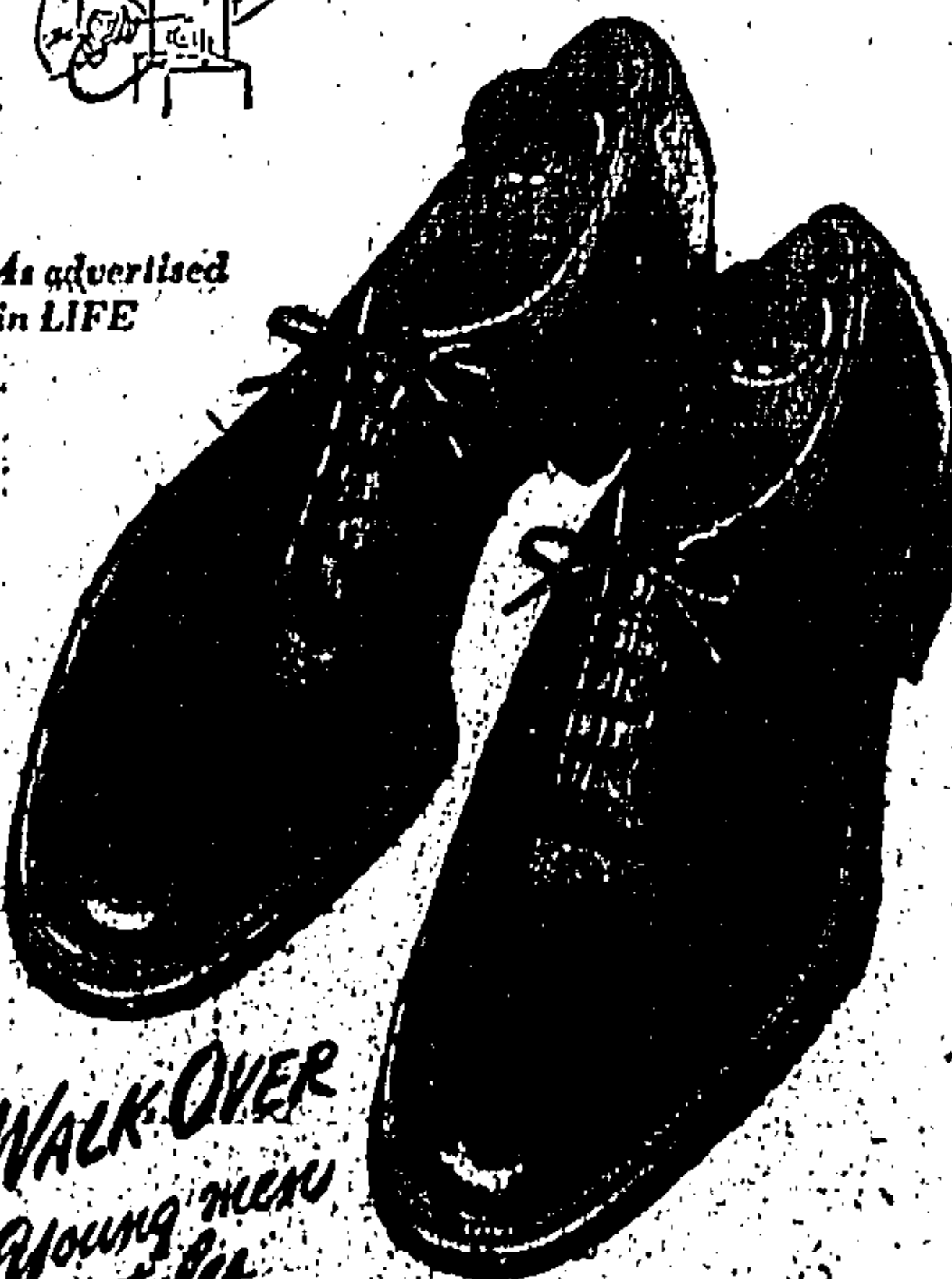
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Lie Detector May Be Used In U.S. Spy Case

Washington, December 13.

House investigators today said they might ask key figures in the "Pumpkin Papers" Red spy case to take lie detector tests to find out who passed secret papers to the ex-Communist, Whittaker Chambers.

The acting Chairman of the Un-American Activities Committee, Representative Karl Fundt, said his Committee might ask Chambers and Alger Hiss and his brother Donald to submit to tests.

The Committee may reach a decision within a day or two, he added.

Mr. Mundt also disclosed that House spy hunters had learned that only four State Department employees had had access to the secret documents which Chambers produced.

He named the four as the former Assistant Secretary of State, Eugene A. Lister, Alger Hiss, Frances A. Lister, and Anna Belle Newcomb. Hiss was a State Department policy-maker at the time and Miss Lister was his secretary. Miss Newcomb was Mr. Hiss's secretary.

Meanwhile, sources close to the Committee said they were

looking for new evidence that might identify the typewriter on which stolen State Department documents were copied for an alleged Communist spy ring back in 1937-38. Mr. Mundt said his Committee did not have the typewriter itself.

Typed By Wife

"But we have some very interesting clues to it. We always have had one letter which we knew that Mrs. Hiss wrote. But we don't know whether it was typed in her home or somewhere else."

Chambers has said that Hiss spirited stolen documents out of the State Department and took them home for his wife to copy. Meanwhile, the retiring House Speaker, Representative Joseph Martin, predicted that any attempt in the Congress to terminate the Un-American Activities Committee would end in failure. He urged full publicity on the Chambers "Pumpkin Papers".

Mr. Martin's defence of the Un-American Activities Committee was prompted by a week-end announcement by Representative Walter Huber that he would seek to replace the group with a joint Senate-House Committee to investigate all subversive activities.

Hiss Resigns

He said the people were too concerned with the threat of Communism to let that happen. He added that they wanted a free, intelligent Committee which would fearlessly, honestly and fairly protect Americanism.

Alger Hiss, adviser to President Roosevelt at the Yalta conference, gave up his US\$20,000 a year job as President of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace today.

Hiss offered his resignation at a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Endowment. The Directors adopted a resolution that no action be taken on the resignation at this time, except for Hiss to take a three-month leave of absence.—United Press.

Russians Pay Highly For Wool

Sydney, December 14.

Russian buying in Australian wool auctions, apparently at any price, has accompanied a steadily mounting price level. Prices described as spectacular are being paid for best superfine wools.

Russia is taking mostly medium to fine Merino wool. Trade sources are unable to determine whether Soviet buying is for Russian accounts or for big mills in Czechoslovakia, Poland and other Eastern European countries. American buyers also are taking more wool than a month ago. British and continental buyers are staying in the market.

Highest price ever paid on the Australian mainland was 140.25 pence per pound for one lot of extra superfine Merino at Geelong on Wednesday. The Russians were not connected with this price, which was reported paid by an unidentified continental buyer.—Associated Press.

All A Matter Of Biology

Berlin, December 14.

A Communist spokesman today, excusing Red Army "excesses" when Berlin fell on the grounds that the Russians are biologically inclined biologically, the Western licensed press reported.

The spokesman told a meeting of the Russian-sponsored Democratic bloc, "It is only natural Russian soldiers took advantage of the occasion when they entered Berlin because from Stalingrad on they had met no women."—United Press.

SKODA PLANES FOR JEWS

London, December 13.

Britain has information which leads it to have no doubt that aircraft from the Skoda factory in Czechoslovakia have been supplied for use in Palestine. Mr. Hector McNair, Minister of State, said in a Parliamentary reply today.

The information, he added, leaves no doubt that a flow of arms and fighting personnel has been reaching Palestine in violation of the arms embargo. The increase in the strength of the Jewish Air Force has been substantial.—Reuter.

Best Kept Secret Of The War

Melbourne, December 14.

The role of the Cocos Islands in the war against Japan was one of the war's best kept secrets and is scarcely known today, says RAAF headquarters.

Discussing its present importance as a half way base for a projected Australia-South Africa airline, an RAAF publicity bulletin says the Cocos Islands became a vast air base to be used in the final stages of the campaign against the Japanese.

"The then Air Commander-in-Chief of South East Asia, Air Chief Marshal Sir Keith Park, described it as the best organized base I have ever seen in any overseas theatre in this war."

"One of the biggest factors in the intensified campaign against the Japanese—cut short by the atom bomb—was to have been the moving of RAAF Bomber Command to the other side of the world. Without a refuelling base between India and Australia, such redeployment would have been impossible, so the Cocos Islands were selected as a base."

In 1945 an airfield capable of handling 500 planes a month was built on the largest island. "The islands also had to be capable of defending themselves and they became a veritable fortress, with installations of every kind."

Before the war ended Cocos-based aircraft made sorties against shipping in the Java sea and photographic reconnaissance in the East Indies and Malaya. After the war, the planes went to the East Indies and evacuated POW's.—United Press.

ARAB PALESTINE AND TRANSJORDAN UNITY

Amman, December 13.

King Abdullah's Parliament today unanimously approved uniting his 30,000 square mile kingdom of Transjordan with Arab Palestine.

Both Houses of Parliament carried the proposal, first made at the Palestine Arab Congress at Jericho earlier this month.

The Prime Minister, Tewfik Pasha Abu El Huda, explained that it was condition on the union being executed by constitutional methods.

A Transjordan Government spokesman told Reuter over the week-end that steps would be taken to proclaim 66-year-old Abdullah King of Transjordan and Palestine if Parliament approved the plan.

Both Egypt and Syria have disowned the Jericho Congress. Syria today sent a message to the Transjordan Government asking that it should take no action on Palestine contrary to the common Arab view.

Last night, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ibrahim Dessouki, Abuza Fusha, asserted that Abdullah would not proclaim himself King of the union without the agreement of the other Arab States.

Transjordan may raise today's decision at the next meeting of the Arab League Political Committee to provide the other six member States (Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the Yemen) with an opportunity of stating their views.

Armistice Talks

A member of the Lower House of the Transjordan Parliament said the Arab League was responsible for the Palestine situation.

Meanwhile, Brigadier General William Riley, United Nations Chief of Staff, started Palestine armistice talks today with the Egyptian representatives in Gaza.

After the talks he is expected to meet Jewish representatives. General Riley is thought to be carrying out preliminary negotiations based on the Security Council's November 16 resolution for an armistice to replace the present truce.

A meeting between Israeli and Lord Hailson officers on local truce arrangements for the Western fringe of the Arab triangle (Nablus-Jenin-Tulkarm) has been postponed until Iraq announces she is ready to join the armistice talks.—Reuter.

Socialists Form Party In S. Korea

Seoul, December 14.

Cho So Ahn, a Korean political leader, today announced the formation of a Socialist Party of Korea to provide a rallying ground for middle of the road elements in the rightist-dominated Southern Republic.

Cho, a former Foreign Minister of the Korean Government in exile in Chungking, told United Press that the new party would not necessarily be Socialist in the Western sense of the word.

He said its progressive programme will rest on these principles:

1. The party opposes all forms of dictatorship, deriving its power instead from the will of the people.
2. The party advocates an improved education programme, believing that education is the root of the country's future development.

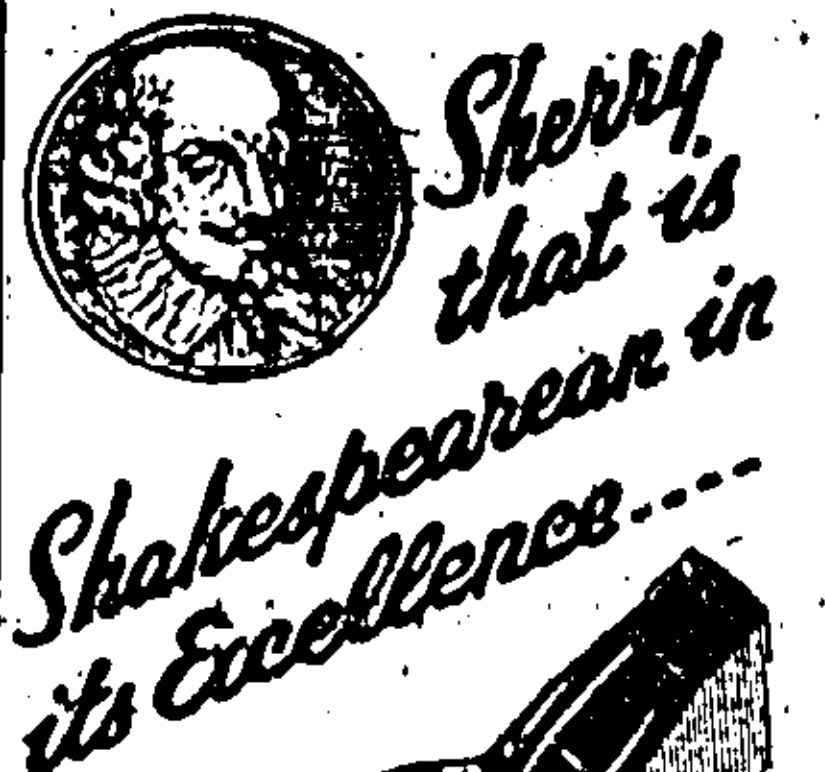
Land Reform

3. It calls for a completely revised programme of land reform which in the past has been entirely inadequate.

Cho emphasised that the new Socialist Party is a legal movement the purpose of which is to change and improve the outmoded and ancient ways of the hermit kingdom.

Korean politics is currently dominated by the rightist Democratic Party and President Rhee's party for rapid realisation of independence.

Cho predicted he could count on about 50 sympathisers in the National Assembly which is composed of 200 members and 100 empty seats reserved for future representatives from the less populous North Korea.—United Press.



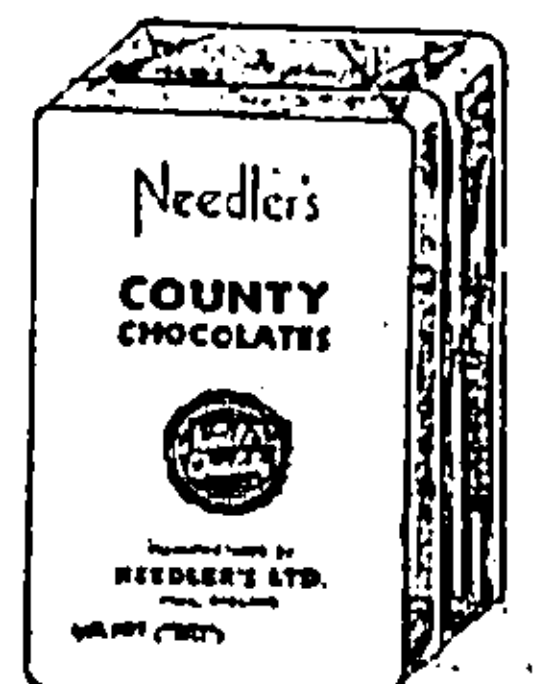
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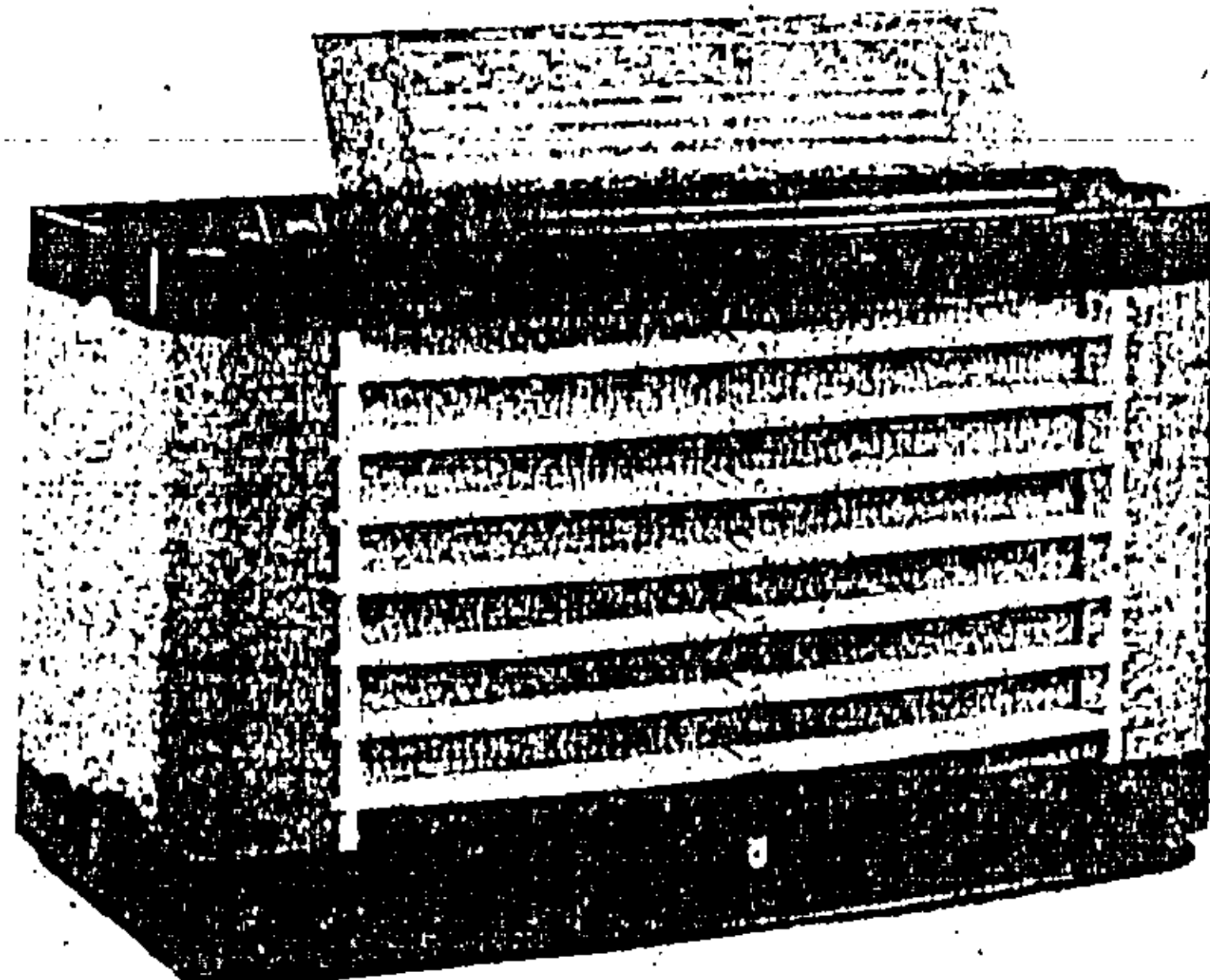
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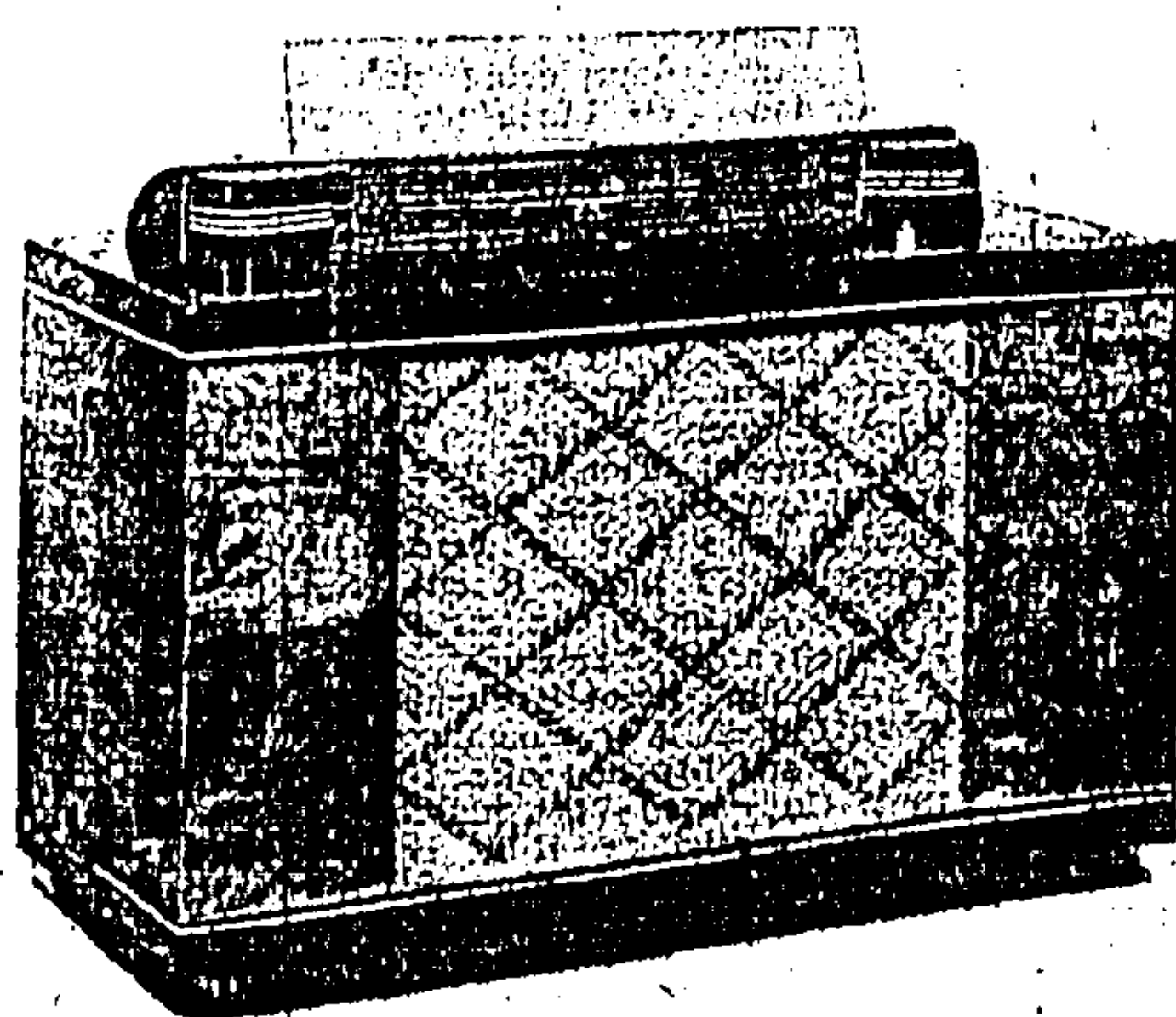
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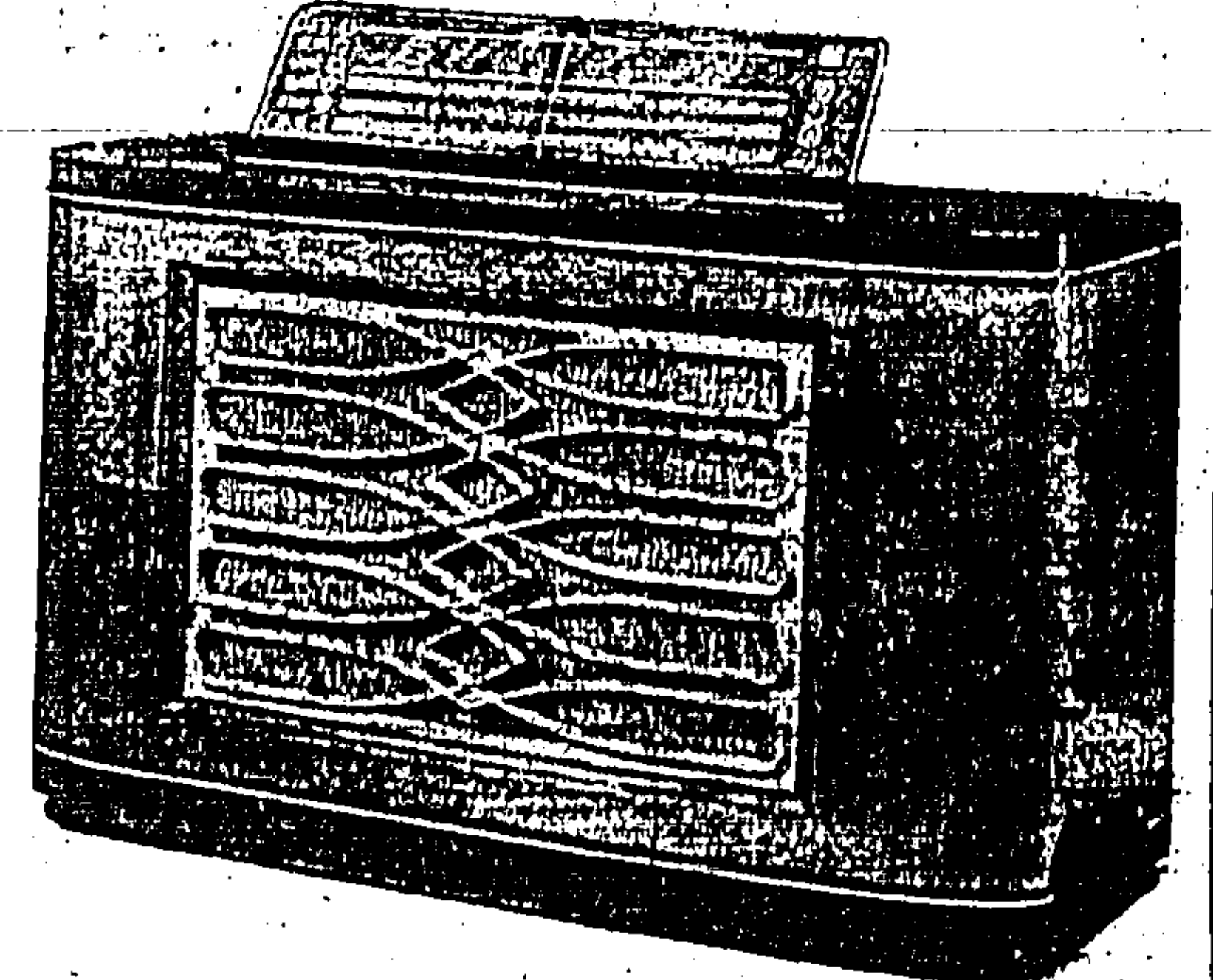
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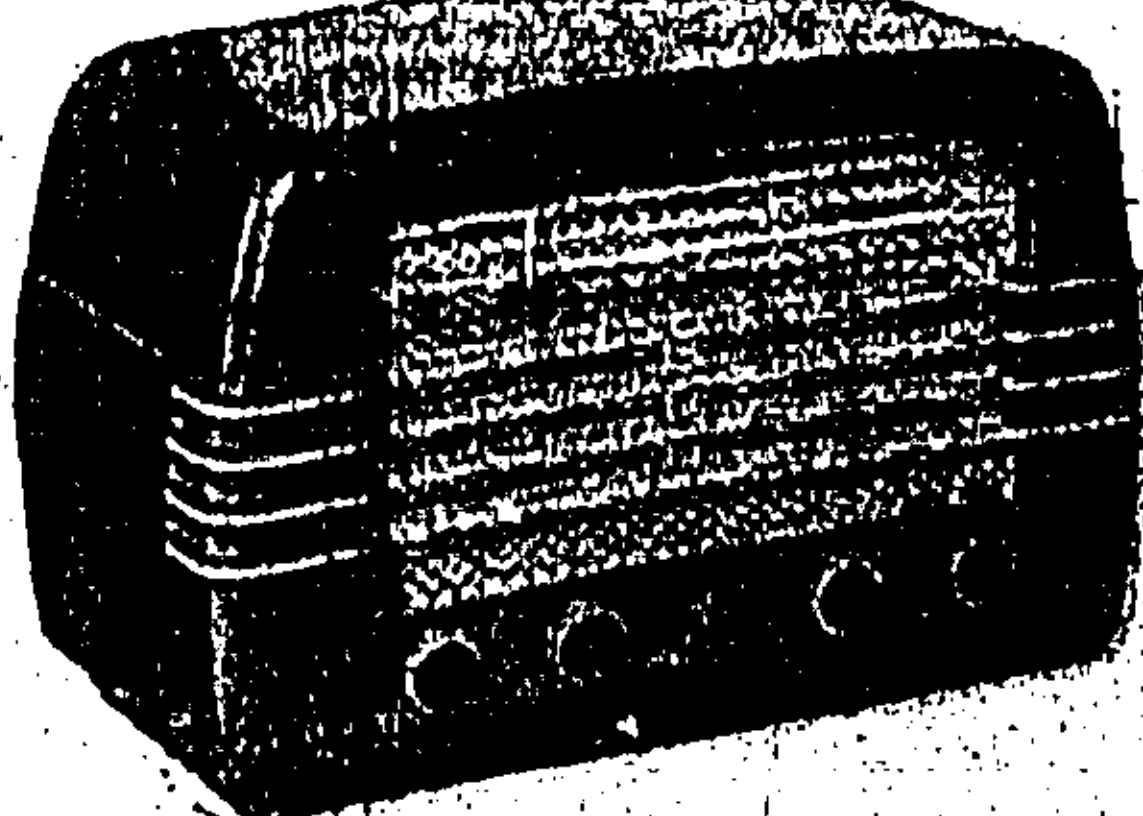
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still strong Italian fleet, the remnants of the Italian air forces, and Italian ground forces throughout the peninsula and in the Balkans. Above all they involved the feasibility of a surrender while the Germans so closely dominated the entire country. Finally it was agreed that the surrender would be effective on the evening of September 8 and that Badoglio and I should simultaneously announce the capitulation. I chose that date because at midnight our Salerno attack would begin. All these long and at times exasperating negotiations were carried on for us by my chief of staff.

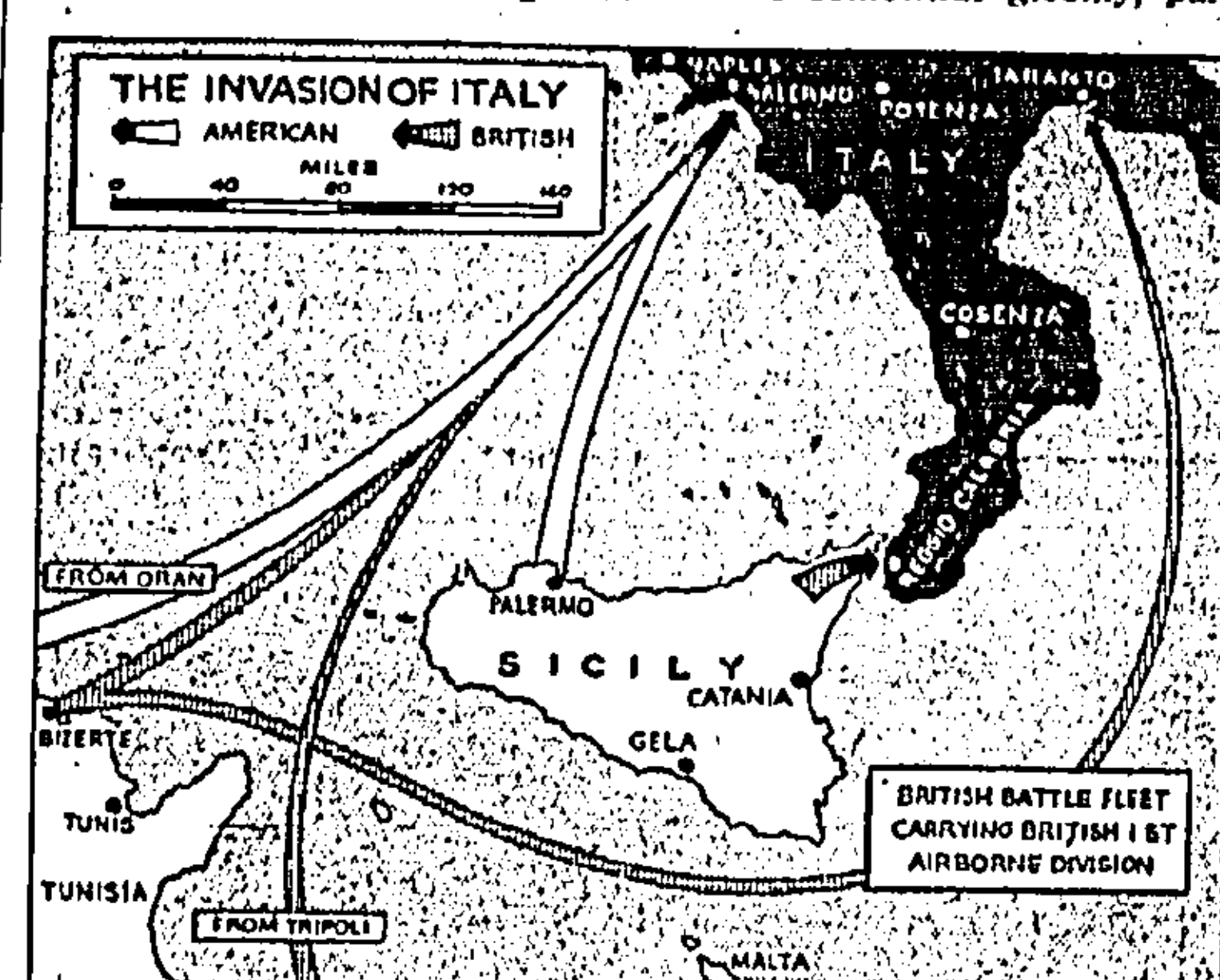
Everything was proceeding according to plan when, at noon on September 8, I received a message through clandestine channels to the effect that Badoglio had reversed his decision on the ground that we were too hasty and that the result would merely mean complete domination of Italy by the Germans and the sanguinary punishment of the individuals involved. The matter had proceeded too far for me to temporize further. I replied in a peremptory telegram that regardless of his action I was going to announce the surrender at six-thirty o'clock as previously agreed upon and that if I did so without simultaneous action on his part Italy would have no friend left in the war.

I was then in my advanced headquarters near Carthage. Badoglio's message was first received at main headquarters in Algiers and the staff, thrown completely off balance, radioed the Combined Chiefs of Staff for instructions at the same time that they forwarded the original message to me. Determined to proceed on my own judgment, I ordered the staff to cancel the message to the Combined Chiefs of Staff or if that could not be done to explain the matter myself. I announced the surrender at six-thirty that evening and

undertaken because of our faith in the ability of the air forces, by concentrating their striking power to give air cover and emergency assistance to the beachhead during the build-up period, and in the power of the Navy to render close and continuous gunfire support to the landing troops until they were capable of taking care of themselves.

The landing and succeeding operations developed almost identically to G-2 predictions. There was a sharp but relatively short fight in getting ashore and with minor exceptions the details of the actual landing proceeded well. The enemy, as was his custom, immediately began to counterattack and by the thirteenth had gathered up sufficient strength to make a major effort to throw us into the sea. During this period German propaganda was ridiculing the operation as a great mistake and pouring out over the radios of the world predictions of a complete defeat for the Allied invasion.

On the thirteenth the German attack struck in all fury, and fierce fighting ensued for a considerable period. The greatest pressure of the German attack came in the centre and pushed forward to within two or three miles of the beach. The outlook became somewhat gloomy, parti-



Badoglio, in fear and trembling, finally decided an hour and a half later that he had to follow suit.

This action did not by any means change our invasion plans. For some days we had known that the Italian garrison in the Salerno Bay area was being replaced by the best of the German troops and our intelligence sections predicted a hard battle in the beachhead culminating in strong counterattacks somewhere between the fourth and the sixth day following the initial landing. With the equivalent of four divisions in the assault, in addition to two which were already ashore but situated far to the south eastward, still in the toe of the boot, we were invading a country in which there were estimated to be eighteen German divisions. Although follow-up troops would double the initial assault strength, in some respects the operation looked foolhardy; but it was

clearly when the American 39th Division was struck from an unexpected direction and suffered heavy losses before it could extricate and recover itself. At one time it looked so probable that the invasion forces might be divided that General Clark made tentative plans for re-embarking his headquarters in order to control both sectors and to continue the battle in whichever one offered the greatest chance for success. This tentative plan, repeated to headquarters in garbled form, caused consternation because it seemed to indicate that commanders on the spot were discouraged and preparing to withdraw the whole force. This was actually not the case. General Clark and General Richard L. McCrery, commanding the British 10 Corps, never once faltered in their determination.

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Those of us who live in the Far East are just as liable to fall into error about a country like America as the people in Europe. It is not a nation with one voice, and the public announcements of even highly-placed officials do not necessarily reflect the general attitude, or the course which Congress will eventually take. Occasionally, however, an individual comes into the limelight whose declarations can be taken at their face value, because of the power and confidence vested in him. Such a one is Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, former business magnate and now Economic Co-operation Administrator.

Passing through Hong Kong a few days ago, the director of millions of American aid would say little to the Press. After a day or so in Shanghai, however, he issued his remarkable announcement that aid to the Chinese people would continue in the event of a coalition government being formed. There was, of course, the proviso that such a government must grant fundamental freedoms to the people, but such statement can be dismissed as surface diplomacy. Mr. Hoffman—and his superiors who must have approved his remarks—know only too well that the eventual aim of an inevitably-dominated Communist coalition in China will be the suppression of all the freedoms of the Western world.

At a casual glance this would seem to be a cold-blooded Wall Street repudiation of all the high sounding phrases about support of free, democratic regimes and opposition to dictatorship. It is virtually certain that Madame Chiang's visit to Washington has been abortive, not only because the powers that be are unwilling to bolster the decaying KMT regime, but because there is no likelihood of either repelling the Reds or, in the foreseeable future, of regaining any interest on money spent. A coalition government in China would almost certainly mean complete control of the vast land mass by the Communists—but only after years. It is generally believed in best informed circles that the Reds will take a decade or two to consolidate their gains and rehabilitate the ruined country. In the meantime, there is the expectation of trade, of obtaining new footholds in Shanghai and elsewhere; among the world's greatest concentration of people aching for food and consumer goods. With peace and the age-old Chinese adaptability, they might form the world's greatest market for an America that is already dubious about making a profit out of Europe.

But it is not necessarily a betrayal of principle; only a hard-headed acceptance of facts. America has not yet grown up, and is still swayed by emotional catch-phrases. But its big men in Washington and New York are now going in for internationalism, perforce, as a paying proposition, while still faintly hoping that peace and mutual trade on as wide a scale as possible may yield greater happiness all round, and dividends continuing at 1948 levels. There is in their mind always the possibility that Chinese Communists

These negotiations were still proceeding when, according to plan, Montgomery slipped two divisions across the Strait of Messina one night against no resistance and the Allied invasion of the continent of Europe was an accomplished fact. This was on September 3, a date 10 days later than I had hoped it could be done. Preparation for amphibious attack is time-consuming, but if we could have saved a few days in this instance our Salerno problem would have been much easier to solve. Nevertheless the timing was sufficiently good to permit us to use for the later main assault some of the landing craft that Montgomery had employed to get across the strait. He immediately started an advance up the toe of the boot with enemy forces cautiously delaying him and anxiously watching for our major move.

For a brief period following upon the expulsion of Mussolini we had ceased the intensity of our bombing raids against Italy. We published this as an opportunity for the new government to avoid further destruction in the country by accepting without delay our demand for unconditional surrender of their armed forces. This evoked an angry protest from London—again reminding us that a modern commander in the field is never more than an hour away from home capitals and public

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America Begins To Ask
Questions

Memorandum to the Socialist

Government.
How long do you propose to go on accepting capitalist dollars earned under America's free enterprise system? How long do you propose using those dollars to destroy the free enterprise system in Britain?

I know it is not for just a day, not for just a year—is it always? I ask the questions because Americans are beginning to ask them. Mr. Churchill's speech a few days ago in which he said you were living on the United States, is being widely quoted and widely discussed here.

Election jubilation has subsided and voters are taking time out to see what the British Government has been doing since President Truman's victory.

They read that you reject entirely the competitive way of life which provides the dollars which make possible your Socialism.

Could Dry Up

At the moment they are not making too much of a fuss, but when some of their leaders start saying loudly what Mr. Churchill has just said quietly, there is going to be trouble.

The dollar supply is not limitless—certainly not for those whom Churchill calls "the hand-maidens and harlots of Communism." The stream could dry up if you go on aiding the U.S.S.R. and walking away from the U.S.

Perhaps the American election result has gone to heads. It undoubtedly increases Labour's chances of being returned to Westminster in 1950, but it was a victory for a progressive Liberal Government, not for Socialism. It showed up the Republicans, and was a plain warning to British Conservatives, but it was in no way a rejection of capitalism.

President Truman and the Democratic Party are as passionate believers in free enterprise as Mr. Churchill and the Conservatives. They also have some pride. President Truman is back on the job, bronzed, ebullient, and full of bounce. Everyone says not too soon—even the Republicans. Now the public expects more wonders from the miracle man.

Mostly during the past few days Government spokesmen have been proclaiming that the superbomb is here to stay. Perpetual prosperity is the word from Washington. Certainly there is no sign of a levelling off, let alone a nose-dive.

Wage Increases

More wage increases are inevitable, according to Henry Ford the Second, who warns also that prices are bound to go higher. The country is knee-deep in dollars and prices scrape the skies. Anyone who recalls the crash of 1929 is denounced as un-American. The average citizen thinks

may indeed be different, that they may not toe the Moscow line—in fact, that mingled with the liberals they may be a permanent stabilising influence.

Of course, it is unlikely to happen. But that is the line now being pursued, as personified by that clever and honest believer in laissez faire, Mr. Paul Hoffman.

opinion. Actually the bombing delay was caused by the necessity of transferring air units and the bringing up of supplies; we were attempting to make a virtue out of a necessity. As quickly as we were again in position for using our air force at maximum effectiveness, we resumed our air campaign.

In the actual determination of tactical plans there arose a question on which there was sharp difference of opinion. One group held that our safest, even if less decisive, means of advancing into Italy was to follow along through the toe of the boot, after Montgomery had made the initial beachhead, and to work our way laboriously up the narrow winding roads toward the heart of the country. This scheme was safe, but it could offer no worth-while results. Indeed, once the enemy was sure that our major effort was to come from that direction, he could easily have bottled up our

force on a number of mountainous positions where we would have been without opportunity to deploy and utilise our strength.

An invasion on a wider front was clearly indicated, and after examination of every spot of the beach from Rome to the toe of the boot, the bay of Salerno was selected. The greatest disadvantage of this plan was that its logic was obvious to the enemy as well as to us. Most of our assault planes were still handicapped by short range and Salerno Bay lay at about the extreme limit of their effective support for the landings. Besides, between the bay and the toe of the boot there were no other particularly favourable landing beaches, so we went into the operation with no illusions of surprising the opposition.

In the meantime negotiations for the Italian surrender had been dragging along. They were very intricate. They involved the

who approach our Vivien Leigh. Perhaps this sudden flood of reports that we are unable to offer worthwhile competition to Hollywood is part of the well-known whispering campaign technique.

It is astonishing how different the reaction of prominent Americans can show people can be to Britain. I met Sophie Tucker this week for the first time, going backstage at the Latin Quarter with comedian Harry Green, who was presenting her with a small bust of the late President Roosevelt.

Sophie is one of the most intense Anglophiles I ever met. She glories on British and British audiences, talks of England as "home," and describes theatregoers there as the most loyal fans in the world.

The Brush-Off

We had supper at Lindy's—Sophie brushing off autograph hounds. Miss Tucker has been 41 years on the stage.

The original red-hot mamma, she is still hotter at the box office than a firecracker and can hold an audience effortlessly. She has the indefinable magnetism of all great artists and will be a headliner for years yet.

Tallulah Bankhead is being hailed as the theatre's greatest woman personality following her sensational comeback in the revival of Noel Coward's "Private Lives."

Lively Fears

The headlines in the entertainment trade Press say: "British Film Balloon Bursts," "British Pic Threats Erupt." And the stories announce that Hollywood's recent fears that it would be compelled to battle it out with the British for world screen dominance have vanished.

My boiling point is always low when Britain is so casually written off and brushed off. I think that Hollywood is making a whopping mistake if it is convinced that British films are not capable of giving it a run for its money. The two best pictures showing in all America today are "Hamlet" and "Red Shoes"—both British films.

The world's greatest actor, according to such a judge as Samuel Goldwyn, is Britain's Sir Laurence Olivier. There are not many American women film stars

'It's All True'

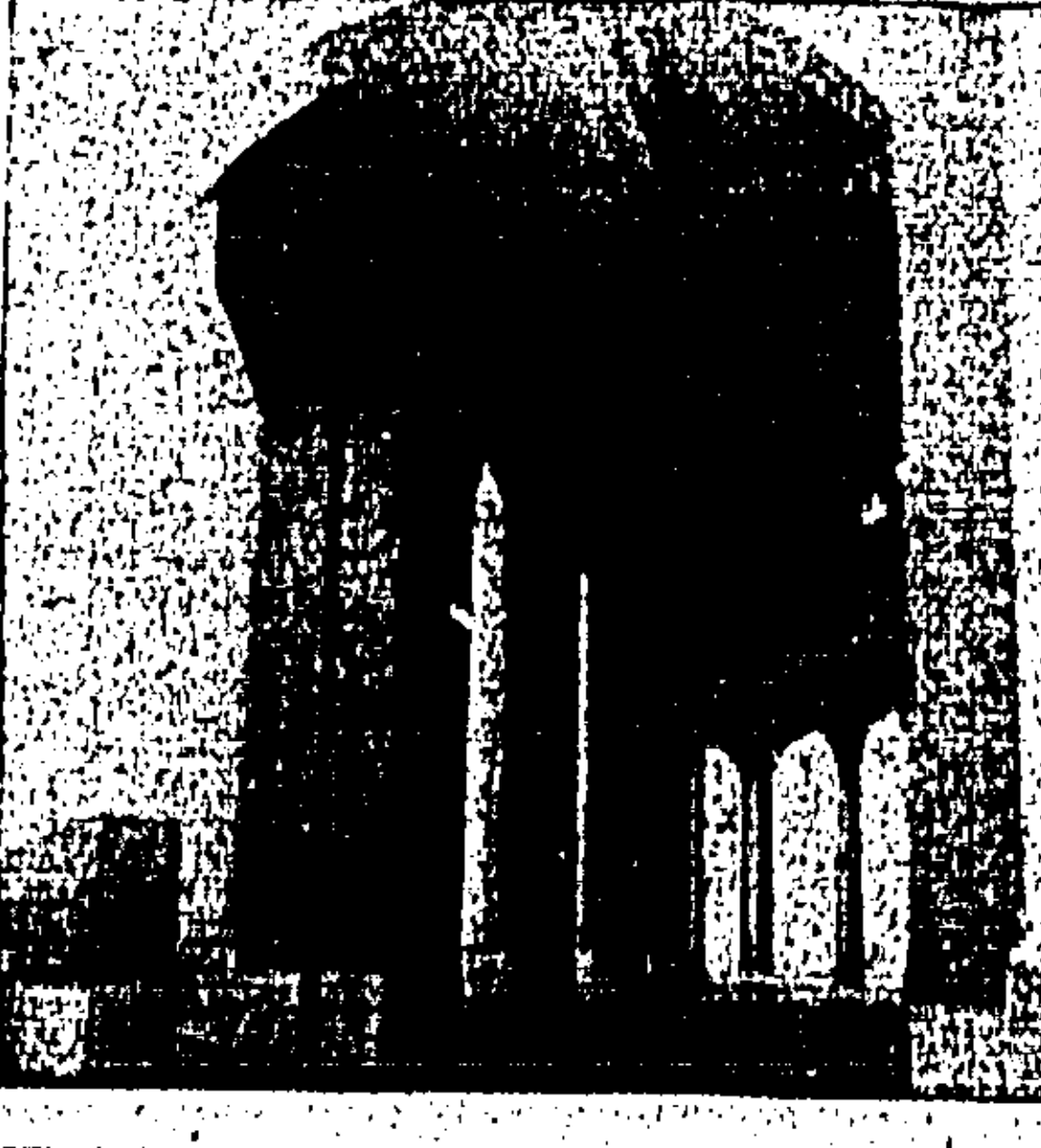
At the moment she is the most publicised performer in the business. Her current earnings are £1,500 a week, and under her contract she gets 15 per cent of the gross receipts, 25 per cent of the net profits, and has the right to pass on the choice of the play's directors, players, company manager, stage manager, Press agent, and costumer.

When she is in a show, she runs the show. When she meets anyone for the first time, she always says: "I suppose you have heard plenty about me—well, IT'S ALL TRUE!"

The influx of famous film names gets greater. Here in New York to see and be seen are Ingrid Bergman, Paul Muni, Marlene Dietrich, Claude Rains, Edward G. Robinson, Paulette Goddard, Joan Fontaine, Van Johnson, and others. Most are making radio appearances for as much as \$6,000 for a single broadcast.

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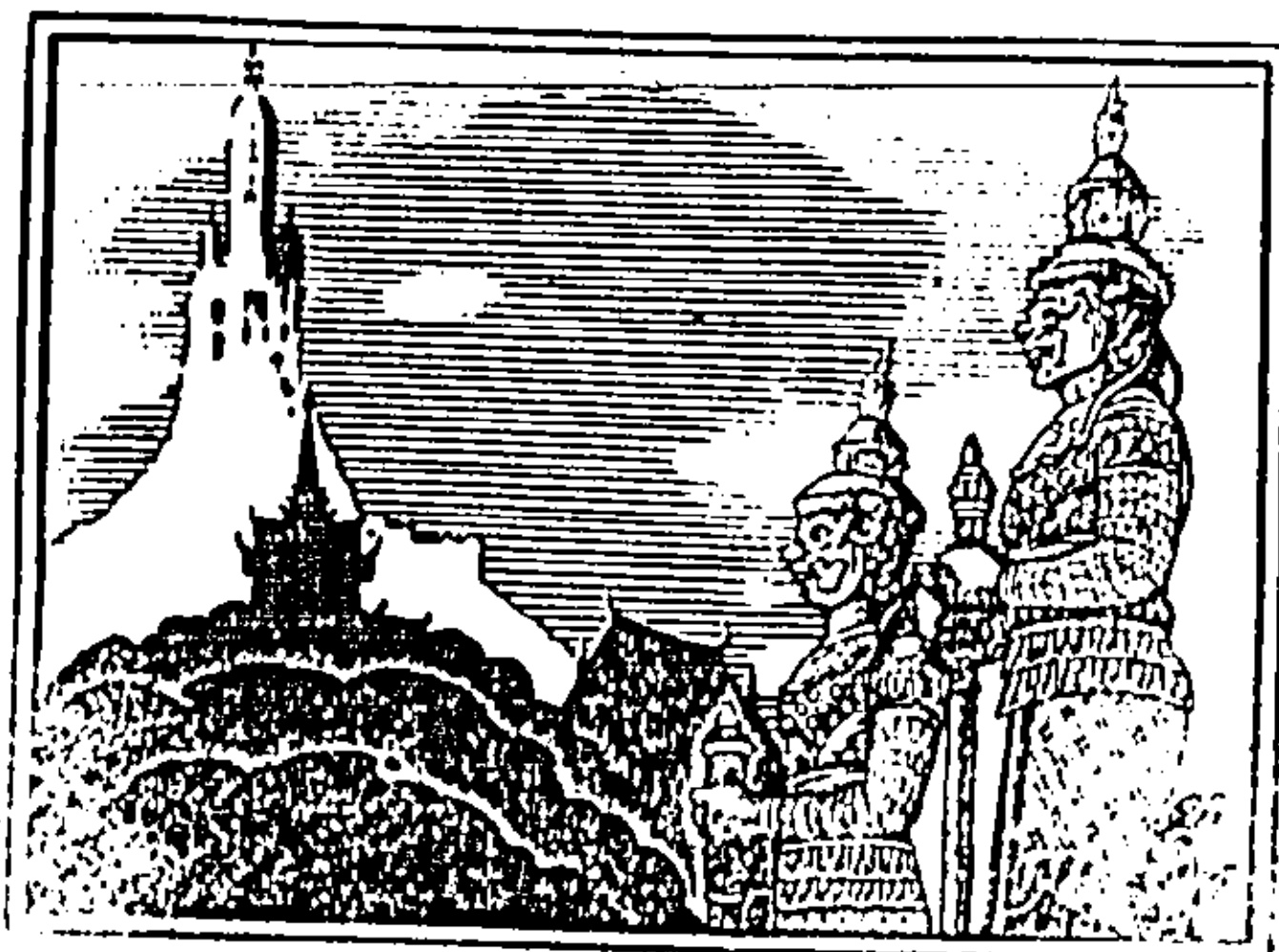
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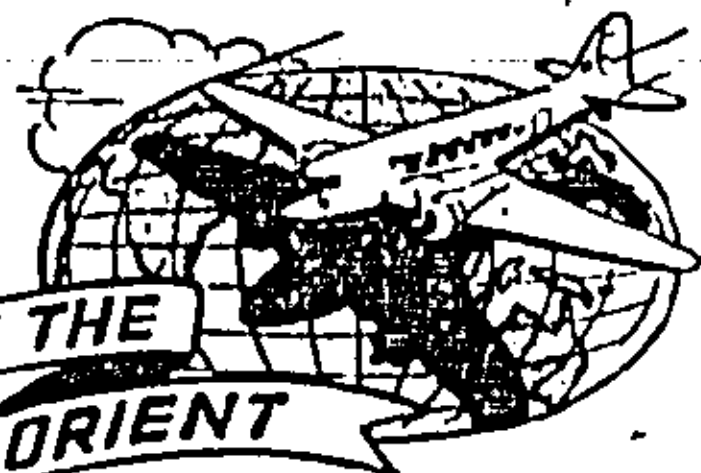
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INTERNATIONAL CRISIS EASIER BUT POSITION IS NOT YET NORMAL

Paris, December 14.

Dr. Herbert V. Evatt, President of the United Nations Assembly, said today that international tension has eased as a result of the Assembly session which ended on Sunday.

"The temperature is not yet normal," the Australian Foreign Minister told newsmen, "but the fever has abated."

Dr. Evatt gave his views as delegates dispersed for their home countries after the 12-week meeting. Only representatives of the 11 Security Council members remained here for further meetings.

Dr. Evatt expressed belief that the continuance of the Assembly in New York, instead of adjourning until next autumn, will be a further safeguard against big power differences drifting into war.

"It is certain," he said, "that the people of the world don't want war, and the United Nations with all its limitations is the best of all the only means of assisting positively in the drive toward the making of peace in relation to Germany and Austria."

"And it would be a tremendous mistake to neglect the Far East and the Pacific where the present crisis is so acute."

Major Successes

"The General Assembly has had some outstanding successes in this session on the economic side and any failure to reach satisfactory decisions on political issues has been due almost exclusively to great power disputes and duplications."

The Security Council was handed a red hot issue on Monday when the American-sponsored Republic of Korea applied for UN membership.

The Assembly voted its approval of the new government of Taiwan, which has its headquarters in Seoul, just before it adjourned. The vote was 48-6 with the Russian bloc alone opposing it.

Russia is expected to oppose and probably veto the Republic's membership application.

U.S. Support

The Council meets on Wednesday to discuss membership applications of Israel and Ceylon and to consider the question of Hyderabad's seizure by India.

There was no indication when Korea's application might come up. A United States spokesman said the American delegate would support the Republic's membership bid.

Russia, in control of Northern Korea, has opposed recognition

Colonial Experiments On Malaria

London, December 13. British scientists have begun large-scale malaria eradication experiments in Mauritius, the Colonial Office announced today.

The team consists of a physician, a chemist, an entomologist and six field overseers.

Synthetic insecticides are being used for the experiments, which are to last for two years.—Reuter.

on the Palestine political question.

Ceylon's Bid

The Assembly last Saturday set up a three-nation Conciliation Commission made up of the United States, France and Turkey.

Ceylon's application has been vetoed once by Russia, but the Assembly recommended that the Council reconsider it.

If any of the applications are approved by the Council they will go before the Assembly next April 1 when it reconvenes in New York.—Associated Press.

Air Force "Alert" Story Denied

Washington, December 13.

United States Army Air Force Headquarters here today denied a report that the Eighth Air Force—America's world-ranging bomber group—had been placed on readiness alert.

The group's headquarters at Fort Worth, Texas, was reported to have announced that only 25 per cent of its personnel would be allowed Christmas leave.

An Air Force spokesman here declared: "There is absolutely no truth to the story."

The alert was said to apply to air crews of B-36s (six-engine heavy bombers) of the 7th Bombardment Wing, and Eighth Headquarters here: air crews of B-50s (Superfort) Stratobomber

Groups at Tucson, Arizona; and atomic warfare experts of the 50th Wing, based at Roswell, New Mexico.

The 9th Wing from El Paso is now training in England. Officials of the USAF in Washington earlier said they knew nothing of the report.

They explained that a readiness alert usually meant one of two things—a practice manoeuvre or movements of units.

In the latter case, the alert was usually given 30 days before the move.—Reuter.

Foreign Ministers Meeting In Paris

Paris, December 13.

The Foreign Ministers of the Marshall Plan countries may meet in Paris before the end of the year at a special session of the Council of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation.

It has not yet been decided to call a special meeting but some leading delegates to the Council believe the difficulties of reconciling the British, French and Benelux plans for European reconstruction may require the Foreign Ministers' personal intervention.

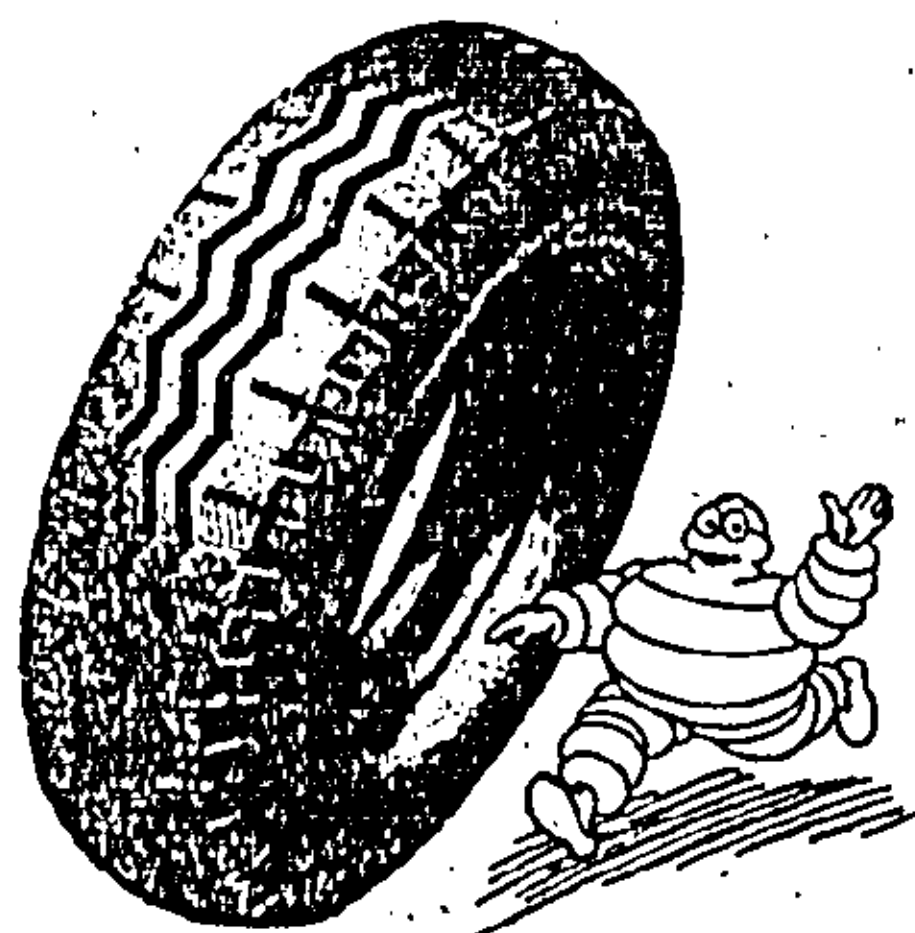
French Marshall Plan undertakings call for a minimum investment in fresh equipment of 3,000 milliards of francs. If the French Government cuts down the investment plan to 200 milliard francs, as has been suggested, the risks being assumed by other Marshall Plan countries of being unable to carry out her undertakings.

These aim at reaching independence of American aid by 1952-53.

If the Government maintains the full investment programme—as demanded by the head of the French four-year plan, M. Jean Monnet—it risks strong opposition in Parliament and possibly defeat.

It is felt in Paris that consideration should be given abroad to the dilemma facing the French Government and that France's effort for the full term of the Marshall aid programme should not be regarded as inadequate if the investment programme for the coming year proves smaller than originally contemplated.

Sir Stafford Cripps is believed here to be making any modification of the British four-year plan dependent on the French decision.—Reuter.



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Minister Tried To Kiss A Woman M.P.

Tokyo, December 14.

The Finance Minister, Sanroku Izumiyama, resigned from Parliament today after a 47-year-old woman M.P. had accused him of making improper advances to her in the lobby.

The Cabinet accepted the resignation, admitting that Izumiyama had become drunk during a party last week-end.

The Diet was thrown into uproar when Mrs. Saruyama mounted the rostrum and charged the Minister with trying to embrace her.

The Speaker of the House declared that it was useless to restore order.

Izumiyama was not present to defend himself.

He was asleep in the Ministers' waiting room. After a recess, the Diet went back into the ninth session in an effort to pass the supplementary Budget Bill and then vote on the Opposition Party's non-confidence motion against the Yoshida Government.

Another woman representative, Mrs. Chiyo Inakubara, 50, made the first charge against the Finance Minister.

A Few Drinks
The Premier, Shigeru Yoshida, replying, said: "I am sorry that the Finance Minister is not here, but I must investigate."

Mrs. Yamashita then took the floor and said: "I was the direct victim of Izumiyama. He forced me out of the room into the corridor and embraced me."

"He told me 'I love you.' I told him he had more important business to attend to, and he said 'You come before business.'"

Reporters said that Izumiyama earlier in the evening invited the Finance Committee members, including Mrs. Yamashita, to a party in the Diet building and they all had a few drinks.

United Press.

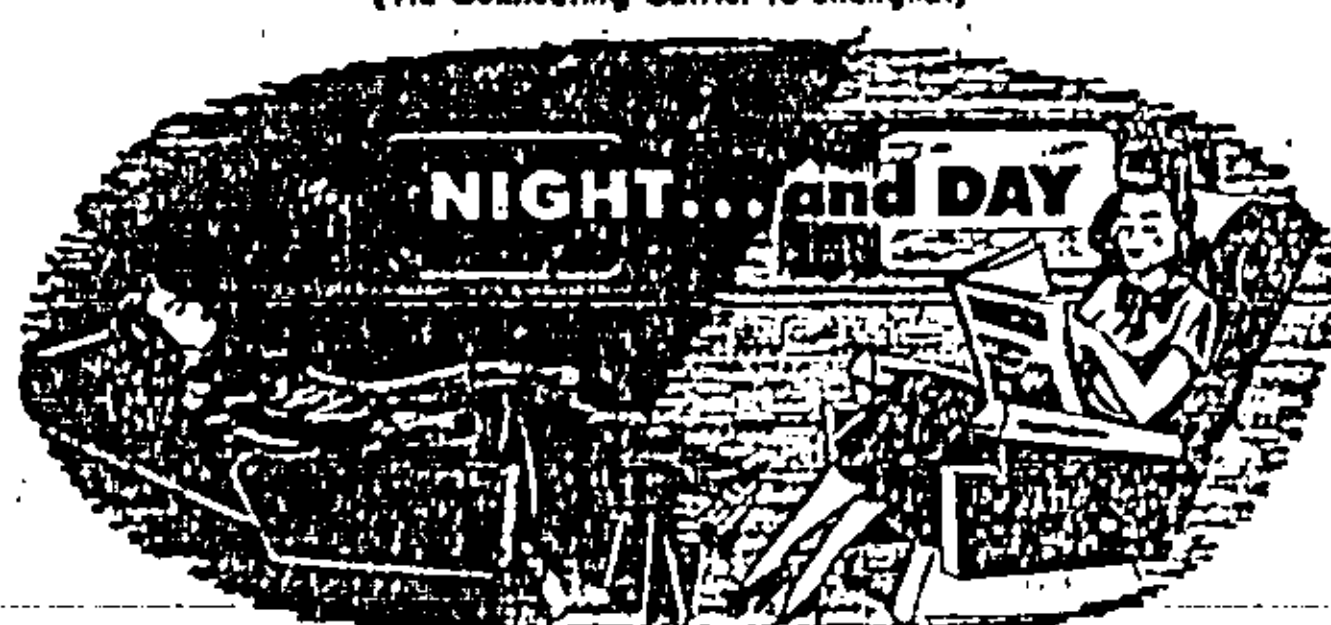
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The photograph shows an unusual view of the Kowloon-Canton Railway station, looking into the sea.—Reuter.

BRIDE WATCHES
HUSBAND DROWN
Jersey, December 13.
A seven-day bride from Sidcup, Kent, watched helplessly while her husband, Denis John Maxwell, aged 25, was swept out to sea today.

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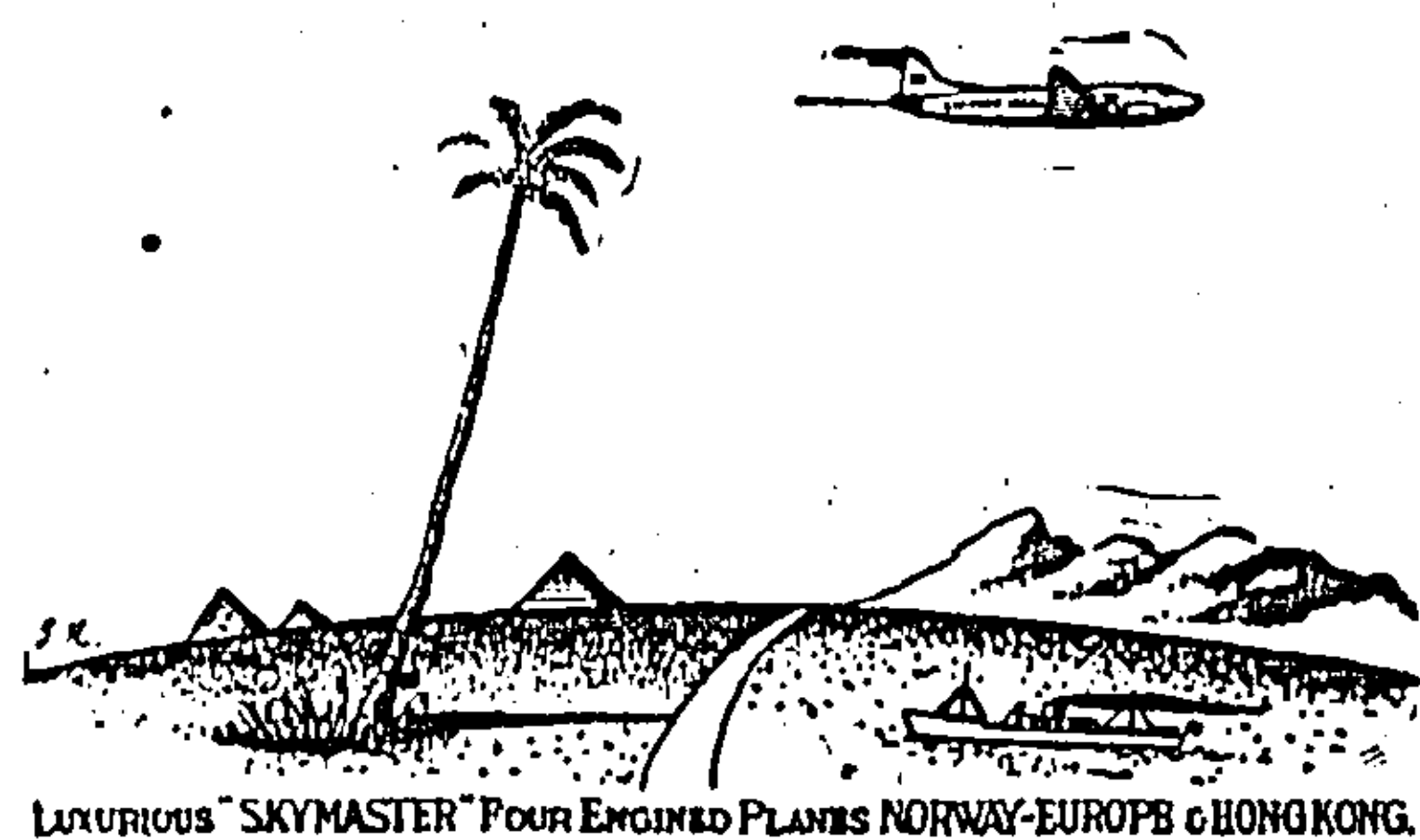
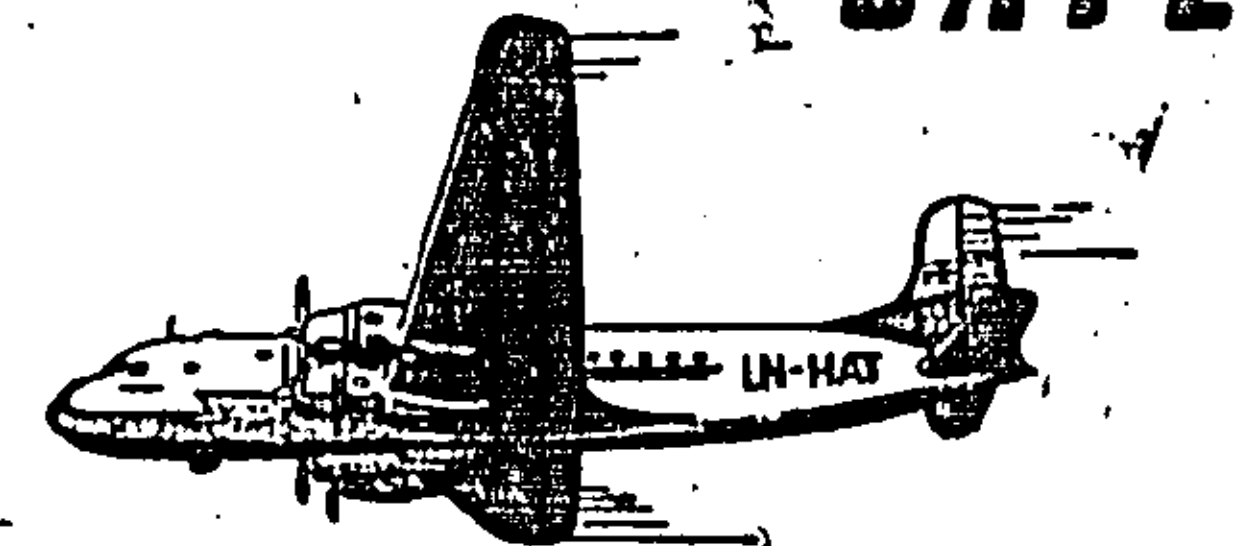
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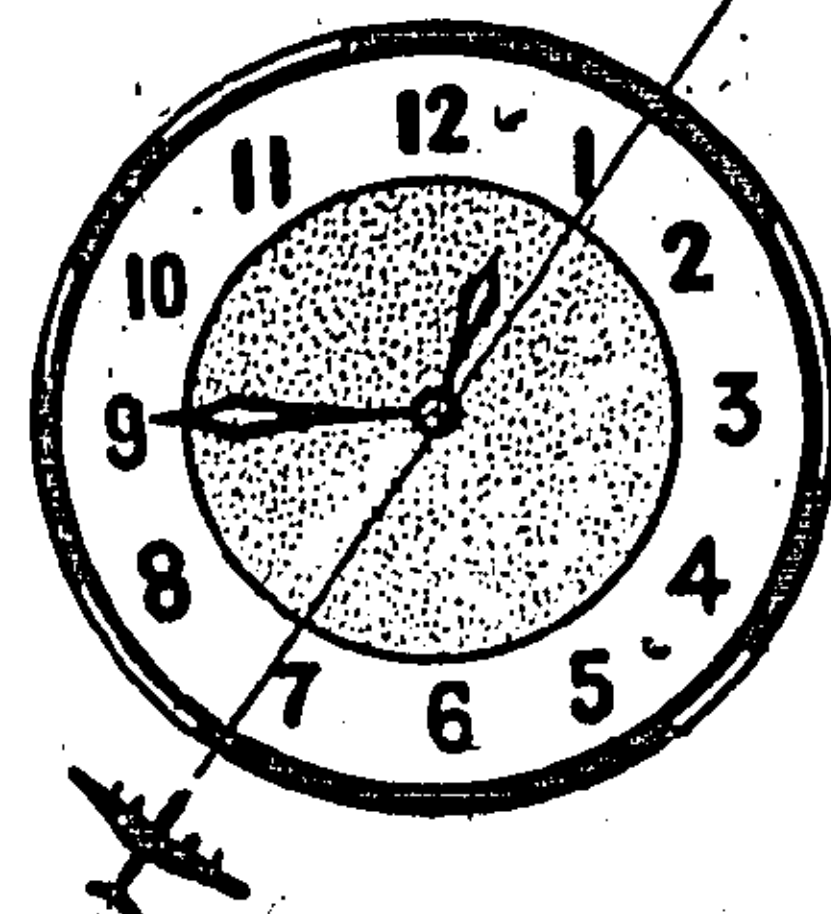
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Priest Accused As A Spy

Prague, December 13.

Charged with using his rectory as a spy centre, Father Pavo Hucsko, a Greek Catholic priest, stood in the dock here today with nine others who are accused of running an espionage network for anti-Soviet groups in Central Europe.

The police said today that they found maps showing secret airfields on which arms were to be dropped and plans linking up a number of frontiers of the Greek Catholic Church with the network.

The prosecution claimed that Greek Catholic rectories and Church agents along the frontier acted as links in the Handed movement, an anti-Communist body said to be run from Munich by M. Stephan Landau, a Ukrainian Nationalist prominent in the Nazi occupation of the Ukraine.

Police alleged that the arrest of a courier enabled them to break the organization's activities in Carachobovka, where they were said to have concentrated their efforts after being driven out of Russia and Poland by the Soviet and Polish armies.

The prosecution claimed that the American counter-intelligence corps was connected with these activities.—Reuter.

Italo-Russian Trade Pact

Paris, December 14.

Italian official circles in Paris confirm that an Italian Commission has been in Moscow for several days working on a commercial agreement with the Russians.

"The Government has not yet announced that a treaty has been signed," a spokesman at the Embassy said.

"We in Paris cannot deny the possibility of the treaty being already signed."

He said, "General questions of interest to both countries are being discussed in Moscow."—Associated Press.

Atlantic Pact To Be Extended

Washington, December 13.

Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Portugal will be invited to join the seven-power North Atlantic Pact talks now in progress here.

Eire and Italy have also been discussed informally as potential members of the proposed Alliance.

America, Great Britain, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, Luxembourg, and Canada will reach identity of view and then invite the Ambassadors of certain other powers to join the talks.

The American State Department is believed to favour sounding out the other powers soon on whether they would like to join in the talks.

American officials are known to back the inclusion of Denmark, Norway, Iceland and Portugal be-

cause of their strategic importance.

Denmark possesses Greenland which has weather forecasting stations and bases vital to North Atlantic air traffic.

Portugal possesses the Azores—a mid-Atlantic base of primary importance.

Eirean Government spokesmen have stated that Eire would not co-operate in any regional security system unless the partition of Ireland was ended.

Norway and Denmark control the Northern European waters which could be used for attacks against transports bringing troops and supplies from North America to Western Europe.—Reuter.

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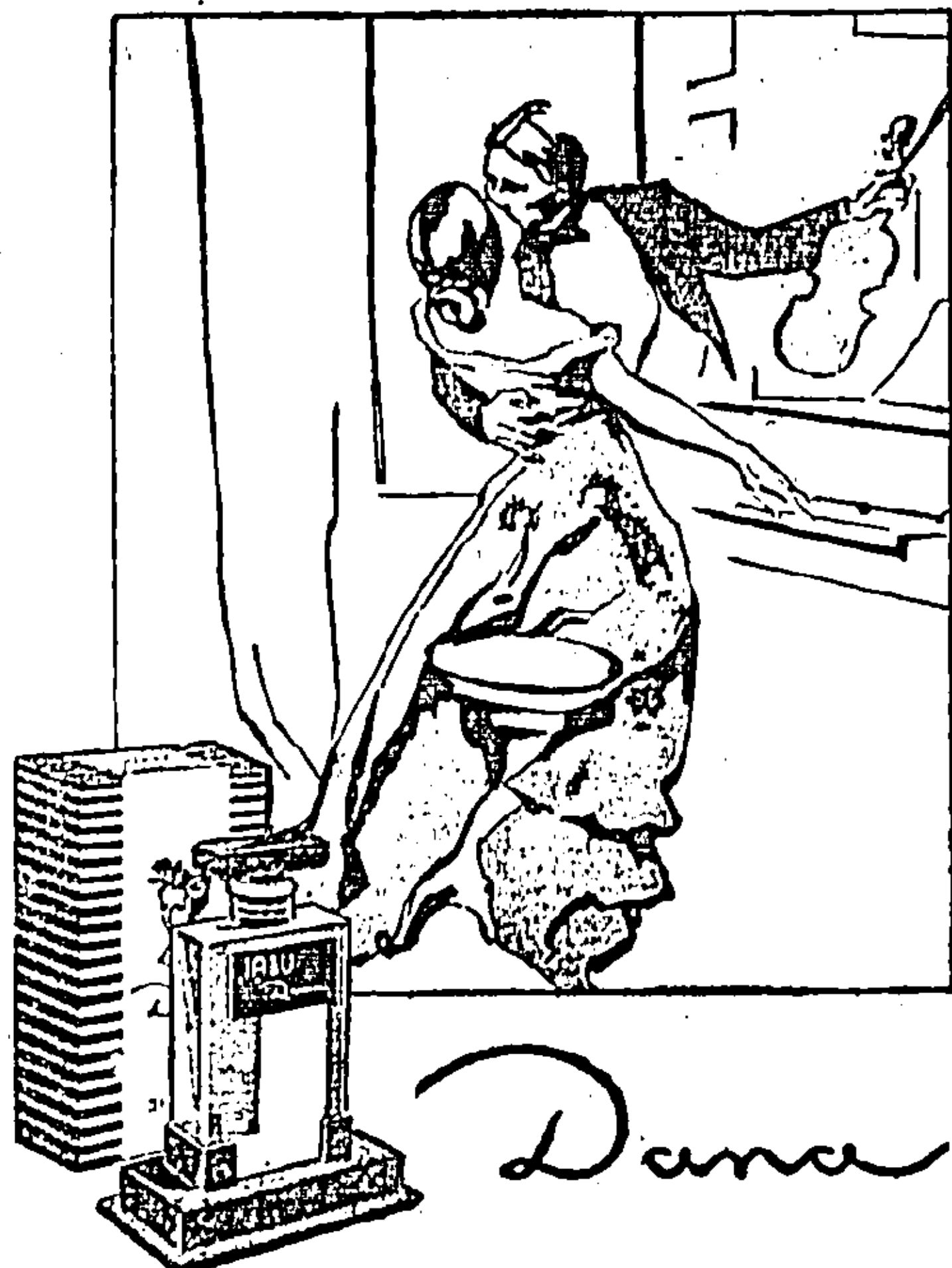
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MAKE THE MOST OF YOURSELF

The Christian Science Monitor.

Making the most of yourself, showing off the perfections of a pretty figure or disguising the faults of a less perfect one, will be easy during the months to come.

Following upon a season during which every woman of fashion knew that only a full-skirted frock based upon the "new look" was expected of her, we are now about to enter a period in which she is free to choose what suits her best.

There are at least 10 different silhouettes from which to choose and the variations of these are almost unlimited, dictated by colours, trimmings, and choice of material. There are of course about four major lines; others merely introduce the individual ideas of the different designers.

The Empire silhouette is that which provides the most obvious trade-mark of autumn and winter for 1948-49. Paquin has made a feature of this line. The new rich waist and the back fullness, falling from a point just below the shoulder blades, is allied to skilful cutting which helps to mould the figure and thus eliminate that nightdress appearance so easily accepted as an interpretation of Empire influence. The very opposite outline is achieved by houses which have favoured slimly moulded Directoire frocks. Robert Piguet, Jacques Griffe, and Jacques Fath introduce dresses so tightly fitted they often have to be slashed up one side to allow their wearers to walk.

Short Trains

Also, it is not uncommon to find skirts developing into short trains, to be caught up over the left arm in an effective drape. Many of these dresses, whether Empire or Directoire, own to contrasting bodices, some draped in different material, others richly embroidered.

Passing on to another outstanding line which has captured the attention of many designers

this season, we find the same moulded silhouette as that belonging to the Directoire period, but this is seemed or banded above the knees from which fall



An ultra smart suit in check-tweed by Dorville demonstrates fashion's favourite fabric for the winter.

flaring fullness in a lamp-shade movement, swishing about the feet and often developing into a fanlike sweep, trailing the ground at the back, and occasionally with flaring fullness in the back only, as favoured by Pierre Balmain.

Several designers have turned to the East for their effects, allowing themselves to be influenced by the glamour of the Indian woman's classical sari, the Chinese woman's embroidered tunic with its high, tight collar-band, or the long flowing sleeves of the Japanese kimono.

All the glamour of the East is revived by the lavish jewellery shown with most dresses: resplendent paste necklaces, ropes of pearls, and strings of beads are knotted in sautiers after the manner of Paul Poiret at the height of his success.

Smartest Ornaments

Pearls are without exception the smartest ornaments for all daytime occasions, and you may vary them to include strings of bronze or gunmetal beads worn in several casual loops about the throat.

Emeralds, rubies, and—above all—diamonds—jewellery, blaze a way into the fashion picture and provides the necessary touch of glamour to certain quite simple black dresses.

Fur is not unusual as a trimming on evening frocks for the

coming winter and provides many novel ideas for the use of those fur scraps which the provident woman has been hoarding against a "rainy day."

Wool is amazingly popular for evening wear, and many houses show fine wool jersey evening frocks, while Jeanne Lanoe has turned to overcoatings, heavy as motorcar rugs, for dinner-at-home dresses handled on Empire lines. Elsewhere shimmering broadcloth is used freely for dinner frocks, often trimmed with bead and sequin embroidery or with acetate bands.

On the other hand, Jean Dessès introduces wool jersey in a dress where the supple fullness falling from the hips is drawn in round the knees with a broad band or twist of material tied in a bow at the back. Besides this starchy, clinging silhouette there are many lines which dip or plunge at the back.

IT'S ABOUT TIME YOU IMPROVED—

Woman's oldest manufactured beauty aid, according to Max Factor, Jr., is mascara. This material is known to have been compounded by the Egyptians at least as far back as 4,000 B. C. And, inspection of feminine portraits of that time, as presented by wall paintings in recently unearthed tombs, leads one to suspect that the glamour girls of Ancient Egypt were highly comparable with those of today in that many of them were apparently inclined to apply their mascara considerably more heavily than is artistically advisable.

Ann Temple

A Suitable Greeting

I consider a neat sketch and simple greeting make a presentable Christmas card. A friend prefers a handwritten and vividly illustrated four-page folder. This prompts me to ask you whether one should choose cards to reflect one's own artistic taste or to satisfy the intended recipient's idea of what a card should be.—ADAM.

It is surely not the card but your sending of it that most pleases people. Being remembered by you, receiving your good wishes, is the really happy significance of the card. So it must have something of you in it.

It should be what you like and what you choose because it is to your taste. If you choose something you dislike, but which you think will please your friend, isn't there an element of condescension in it?

The man who chooses his own card (printed), as he does his suits and ties—to go with his personality—this is the right idea. If he is sending different cards to different people, he, too, considers the suitability of the appearance and the wording in special circumstances, but in whatever category it is still his choice, something he himself likes and approves.

Beauty Board

The beauty board is a brand new aid to figure beauty and good health that is creating a good deal of interest overseas.

Just an ordinary length of plank with a foothold at one end, it is used to encourage body flexibility, better circulation, and to relieve the tension caused by a constantly upright position.

A 10 to 15 minute work-out a day on the beauty board is all that is required. It will probably take several tries to reach the daily maximum stretch, with deep and even breathing.

The beauty board needs to be between 5ft. and 6ft. according to your height, about 12in. to 15in. wide, with a strip cleated to one end, under which both feet are hooked in certain exercises where they need to be grounded firmly.

One end of the board is placed on a box or some other firm base at an elevation of about fifteen inches to start with.

With use, and as body muscles limber up, the board may be progressively raised higher.

Here are some simple exercises.

For The Middle Muscles:
The Sit Up: Lie with feet pointing to the raised end, securely placed under the strap. Now round the back and sit up, reaching forward to touch the toes, if possible, without bending the knees. Roll back and repeat the movement, exhaling forcibly as you sit up.

This exercise may be varied in exertion according to whether the arms are held down at the sides, clamped behind the neck, or at full stretch overhead. The most complete form of the exercise is with the hands behind the head, turning the trunk to right and left on each alternate repetition, touching the left elbow to the right knee, the right elbow to the left knee.

Reverse Sit Up: The head is now towards the raised end, with the hands holding the sides of the board beside the head, the perfect position for leg-raising movements which tone and reduce the abdomen.

Beginners should start by alternately bending the knees, bringing them up close to the chest. As strength grows, raise both legs together.

Further advanced, raise each leg singly, keeping the limb quite straight. Finally, raise both straightened legs together. By not quite letting the heels touch the board between upwings the effect is further intensified.

For Hips, Thighs, Legs:

Back Stretch: From the same starting position raise both legs together, swinging them in a wide circle from left to right, then back again from right to left. At the start the knees may be bent, but as control grows, keep the legs stiff.

Front Stretch: Now turn over on the face, gripping the board legs backwards as high as possible without anchoring the body. The relaxation regime, of course, is simply to ease tension, and will neither firm muscles nor condition flesh.

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1½ cups finely unsweetened pineapple juice, two tablespoons lemon juice, three drops Worcester sauce, 1 egg white, crushed ice, two 12 oz bottles ery ginger ale.

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HOFFMAN STATEMENT

AMERICA PREPARED FOR A COALITION

London, December 13.

The statement of Mr. Paul Hoffman, Marshall Plan Administrator, in Shanghai today is seen here as the most significant public statement of United States policy since the beginning of major Red gains in China.

Mr. Hoffman had stated that China would still get American aid if the country came under a Coalition, presumably including the Communists.

British and American observers agree that Mr. Hoffman would scarcely have given such an assurance, however conditional upon the exercise of essential freedom under a Coalition Government, unless the official American policy is prepared to acknowledge such conditions.

It may consequently be deduced that both in Nanking and Washington, where Madame Chiang Kai-shek is now on a special mission for the Chinese Government, representatives of the American State Department have advised China to admit the principle of a new Administration by coming to terms with the Communists while there is time.

Reports from Washington that America would not be prepared to increase the role of her aid to China unless the Chinese Ad-

Dim View Of Meat Outlook

London, December 13. Britain's meat situation is very gloomy, Dr. Edith Summerskill, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, told Parliament today.

"The situation in 1949 is uncertain because of the position with the Argentine and I am afraid I cannot hold out much hope that it will be much better than in 1947," she added.

The amount of meat available for 1948 had been considerably less than for 1947. Moreover, substantial inroads have had to be made into stocks of canned corned beef this year, she said.—Reuter.

Vast Difference

Observers admit that there is a vast difference between a decision in principle to discuss a Coalition and a final agreement on terms upon which Communists and non-Communists would be prepared to work together.

The recent military successes of the Communists have placed them in a strong position to dictate terms for any Coalition which would prepare the ground for subsequent withdrawal of non-Communist elements on lines which have become familiar in Europe since the war.

At the same time the Communists have two practical interests for concluding such an agreement.

Foreign Trade

1.—China's dependence on existing channels of trade, which are largely foreign, and the non-Communist demand for the maintenance of a working link between any Communist Administration and the outside world.

2.—Politically speaking, the Communists may not be over-

Washington View

Washington, December 14. Some diplomats noted that certain stipulations in the China Aid Act of 1948 may compel cutting off all American aid if the Communists win control of China.

Some officials noted that the U.S. Congress made a formal statement of intent in the preamble to the 1948 China Aid Act. This provides \$275,000,000 for economic assistance and \$125,000,000 for military aid.

The aid was voted for the "Republic of China." The preamble declares it to be the policy of the people of the United States and Congress to encourage the people of China to maintain its independence and administrative integrity and also to sustain and strengthen principles of individual liberty and free institutions.—Associated Press.

Events Move Fast In North China

Peiping, December 14.

Events are moving fast in North China. Unless all the signs are false, Peiping is approaching its last days under the Nationalist regime.

During its more than 3,000 years of history it has changed hands many times. And the shadow of the new conqueror is now ominously close.

Here briefly is Peiping's position:

The Reds form of semi-circle around it from the South West to the East at distances from seven to 15 miles.

General Fu Tso-yi's escape route—the Peiping-Kalgan railroad—is completely sealed with the Reds in possession of most of the line.

Peiping's two airfields, the West and South fields, both are in danger of being overrun by the Communist ground forces.

The Reds could at almost any moment now cut the Peiping-Tientsin railroad and thus completely isolate Peiping by land.

General Fu's military strategy has been so puzzling that the populace as a whole, not to mention those who claim to know what is going on behind the scenes, have only one explanation—political motives underlie it.

Gunfire Heard

This would account for the general calm of the populace, although the sound of occasional gunfire can now be heard throughout Peiping. And it accounts too, for the suave predictions that Peiping will change hands without bloodshed.

When this change will occur is a mystery.

If only military factors are involved, it could be a matter of days. But if political factors are involved, the change-over could well be delayed until January or February.

Meanwhile, though, the Nationalists in Peiping are going through all the motions of readiness to fight. Machine-guns have been mounted on and outside the city walls, conscripts are being drilled with every semblance of fervour and at all the city gates hundreds of civilians have been mobilised to fill sand-bags.

Many Rumours

Rumours fly thick and fast. The latest is that Tientsin, 12 miles to the East, has been abandoned, but there is no evidence to substantiate this.

Another is that there is fighting near the Summer Palace on the Western outskirts of Peiping, famed for the marble boat which the Dowager Empress Tzuhsi built with funds for the creation of a Chinese Navy.

But this too, cannot be confirmed. Meanwhile, Peiping waits and wonders, not with dismay or panic, but more like a bride awaiting ravishment.—Associated Press.

ATTEMPTS ON RED LEADER

Manila, December 14. Guillermo Capadocin, Vice-President of the Communist Party of the Philippines, reported to the Under-Secretary of Labour, Jose Figueroa, that unknown persons made two attempts on his life.

Mr. Capadocin said he was fired upon when he was about to retire at his home on Sunday night.—Associated Press.

Volunteer Corps For Shanghai?

Shanghai, December 14. Mr. Pan Kung-chen, Chairman of the Shanghai City Council, urged the absolute need for organising an International Volunteer Corps to assist police work.

The Chairman said that he knew that the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce is taking steps to organise the formation of such a body. American Chambers of Commerce could agree to participate in any such scheme.

He saw the feasibility of organising an International Shanghai Volunteer Corps because there are in Shanghai immense foreign vested interests.

He implied that to protect Shanghai and its international interests, it is a duty devolving upon the shoulders of the Chinese and foreign nations here to organise themselves and take up a common stand against any menace. He ended then and there.—Reuter.

Nanking Mixture Of Contrasts

Nanking, December 14.

Nanking is a mixture of strange contrasts as its million people wait with a mixture of anxiety and indifference the expected arrival of invading Red armies from the North.

Many sections of its official life are dead—killed by the flight of government departments, or their transfer to more urgent assignments. But other parts of the national and municipal government function as steadily as normally, as though the civil war was a 1,000 miles away.

Fearful Chinese, rich and poor alike, fill the broad street leading to the railroad and river docks from morning until midnight, all hurrying away from the Red threat to places of what they hope will be greater safety. But thousands more continue their daily tasks without fright or excitement, either ignoring the possibility that Nanking will become a battleground, or hiding their emotions behind masks of Oriental fatalism.

Within the Wanchow-Chungking Foreign Office—staff members are busy packing archives and records for transfer Southward. But at the street intersection outside, municipal electricians are installing new electric traffic signals to replace a policeman's signal box demolished six months earlier by a speeding truck.

Foreign officials complain that they find many government offices closed or almost deserted.

Yet traffic policemen are at their usual places, railroad trains operate regularly and as punctually as overflow crowds at every station will permit. Mail is delivered twice daily without delays, telegrams may be sent and received without trouble.

Nanking is without electricity during the daylight hours because of a dwindling stockpile of coal. Yet with nightfall, electric service is resumed with regularity.

Three Classes

Water service, never good in Nanking, continues normal.

Foreign residents of Nanking have attempted to stockpile foodstuffs and fuel in anticipation of serious shortages, first during possible fighting for Nanking, second during the early stages of Communist occupation. Such staples as flour, sugar, coffee, canned milk, have all been bought up in quantities.

Chinese in Nanking are divided into three classes—those who will run in fear of the Communists, those who will remain behind and hope to continue their normal activities under Red rule, and those to whom neither Government nor politics have special significance so long as their rice bowls are full.

One minor Government official skilled as a technician said: "I followed the Government from Nanking to Hankow, then to Chungking. Then I came back to Nanking. This time I'm staying. The Communists, if they seize the Government, will need men like me—and I am tired of running away."

His sentiments appear similar to those of thousands of others who will wait in Nanking and see what happens.—Associated Press.

SKIRMISH BEFORE NEW WORLD WAR?

New York, December 14.

The Very Reverend Gabriel Gorman, Provincial of the Passionist Fathers, said today that the Chinese civil war can well be the preliminary skirmish of the third world war.

He made this statement on returning from a three months tour of China.

"Communism is a sworn enemy of Christianity," Father Gorman said. "If the Reds take over China, Christianity will be forced underground, as is now the case in Red-occupied areas of Mongolia and Manchuria."

"If Communism wins in China, bringing one fifth of the human family under its domination, I believe our American security will be in jeopardy, and, by the same token, world peace."

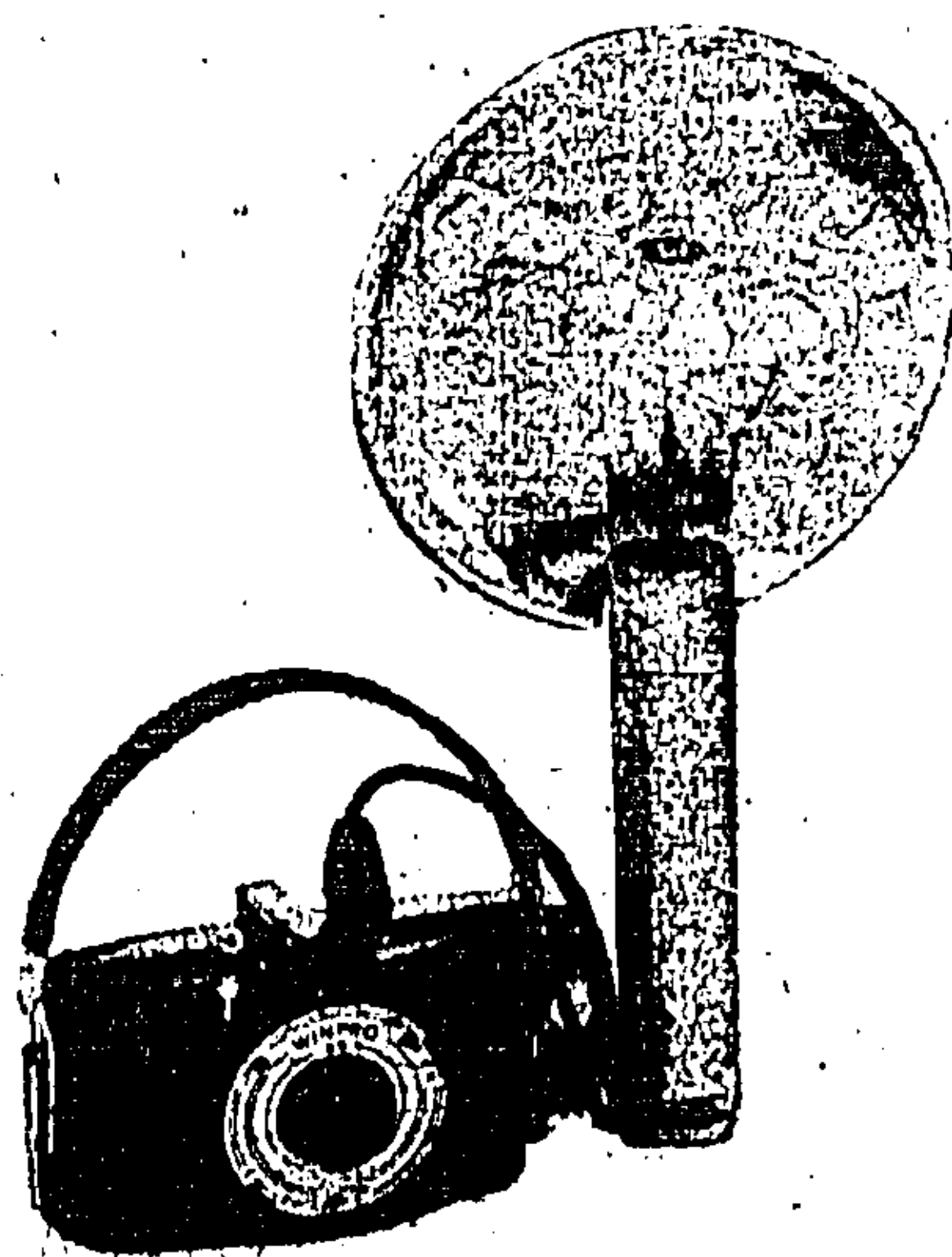
Father Gorman said the American people should urge President Truman to give immediate en-

couragement and support to the Chinese people in their life and death struggle against the armed Communist invaders, as the U.S. did against the Japanese invaders.

He said he felt that his Ambassador and Consuls in China took too hasty action in ordering and recommending the complete evacuation of Americans from all China.

"Persecution against the church in China rages in Red-occupied areas," Father Gorman added. "Thirty-three Trappist monks were killed by the Reds in South China on August 28, 1947, and seven priests in Jehol province were put to death most brutally last year."—Associated Press.

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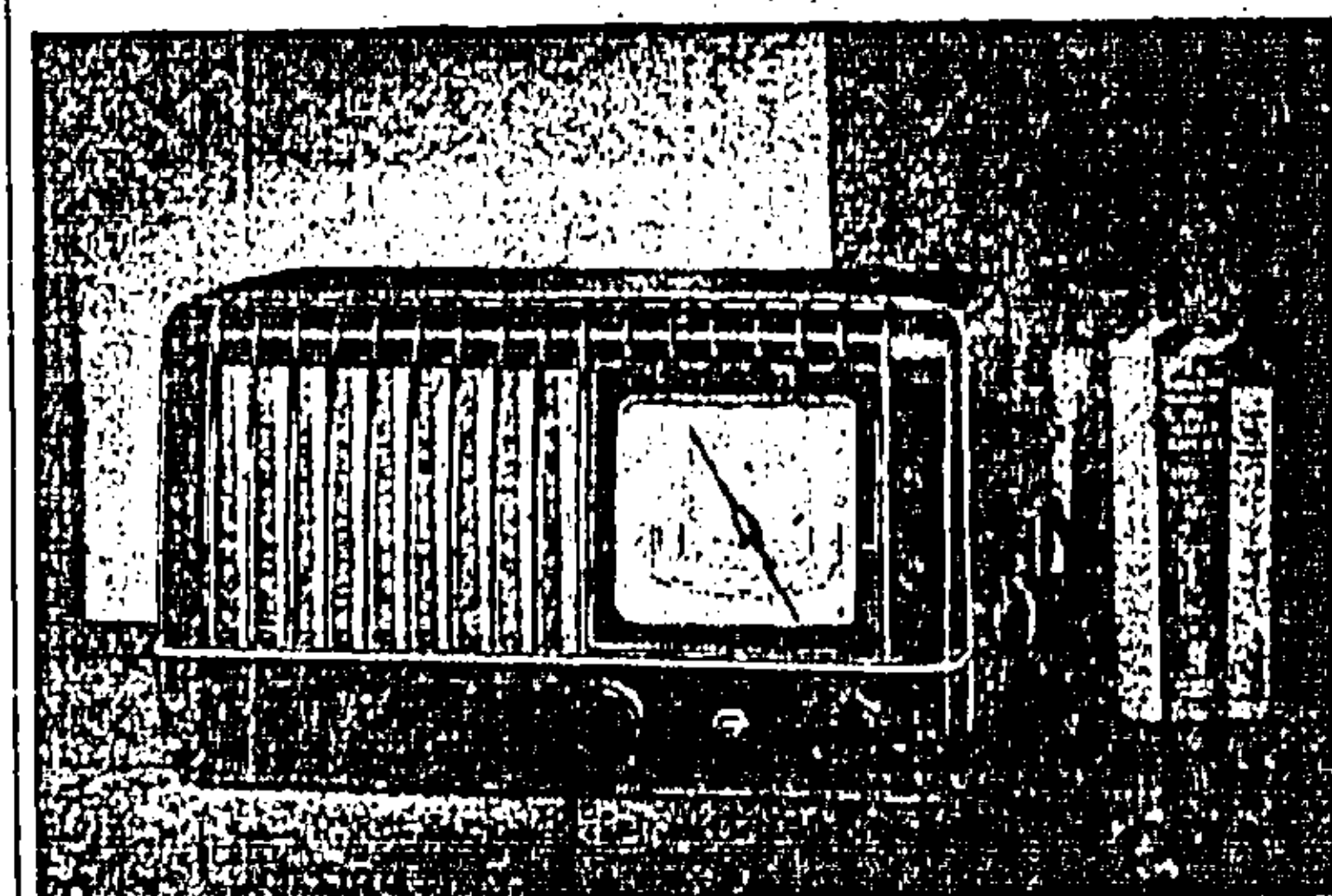
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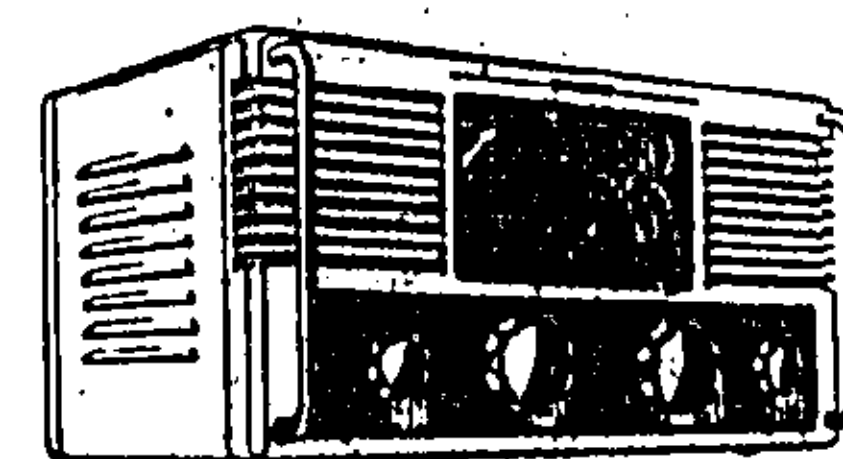
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TEEN AGE TOPICS

Editorial

The response to the proposed formation of a Hong Kong Teen Age Club has been considerable, although when it comes to acting upon it, the returns have been comparatively few, judging from the articles received on "How a Teen Age Club can be formed."

This indicates that a good proportion of the colony teen agers feel enthusiastically enough the need for such an organization, but individually are at a loss as to how this can be achieved. As hinted time and again before, the subject will be difficult and there will be difficulties and there are beginning to show themselves now that the novelty of the idea has been appreciated. But if teen agers are going to start now, we may as well close the books on the idea altogether. Because the Club will only come into being through your own application; the Topics can only assist.

The future of the Club must now rest upon verbal interchange of opinion collected through a meeting. Those who have written in to me will receive notification of the place where this meeting will be held. The date will not be earlier than the first Saturday in January for the reason that I am still looking for a place!

As a last word before we proceed to other matters, this column is entirely with you. It will strain to the last effort in assisting. But the creation rests upon your own ingenuity.

Competition

Winners of the article contest last week were: Alice Poon (\$8), and Esther Wilkinson (\$4). Their articles are published under Teen Talk.

For next week there will be another two prizes \$6, and \$4, for the best two articles received on Christmas. This can be in the form of an article or preferably a short story. The atmosphere about it must be Christmas.

Send in your entries before Monday, December 20. The prize winning ones will be published in next week's Topics.

Pen Friends

Two American boys from California have written to be introduced to Hong Kong teen agers.

They are 1) Robert D. Schulze, aged 15, whose interests are stamps, shooting, and playing the French horn. Contact him at 507 Jefferson, Napa, California, U.S.A.

And 2) Chuck Lee. He did not state his interests except that he is anxious to write to teen agers in Hong Kong. His address: 621 Harrison Street, Oakland 7, California, U.S.A.

For those who would like to write to an Australian girl, here is one: Patricia Owen, aged 17. Her occupation is book-binding, interests, roller-skating and dancing. Address: 194, Wakefield Street, Adelaide, South Australia.

TEEN TALK

Give Us Our Club

It is obvious that it's time for us teen agers of Hong Kong to have a club. A real solid club, one that lasts and acts. One that truly belongs to us.

Why is this club necessary? Very simple. Teen agers are not merely girls and boys but future women and men. They would be responsible for society one day and are they going to keep on being ignorant about the whole thing or put in their hands and hearts and learn?

And boy, just think of the fun! It isn't every day that we have a chance to meet so many bright enthusiastic youths, with whom we may have numerous inter-

changes of ideas. A meeting of this kind will do a lot of good to a bored, nothing-but-studies-mind.

"But", one might doubt, "hearts of youth have always been declared sandy, they just can't..." and my prompt interruption is, "nonsense."

We are going to have a club and we are going to make it last. "Can this club really act?" My answer is "It can, if we are determined enough."

A stern foundation is important in order to hold the club up; that is, a need for a president, preferably a girl. She should see to it that the club is properly run.

It would be nice to have our own club house so that a lot of our time won't be wasted in idle boredom. We could build up our own music group, a library and I hope that eventually, a dance hall won't be impossible.

Come on fellow teen agers, let's not wait any longer. Show the grown ups we are not sandy wastes but clay—clay that originates the tallest and sturdiest skyscrapers. So let's get together and build our own club!

Alice Poon.

I think that a teen age club is a swell idea. With this club we teen agers may pass away our time in a cheerful way instead of having to roam about, having nothing to do.

With a club we can meet during our leisure, joke, play games, borrow books and lend them, have dances, etc. We can work towards getting a juice-box and a soda fountain where we can buy our cokes.

I have been reading much about teen agers in the United

PERSONALITY



Mollie Terry

Her versatile nature spreads into the sporting field. Mollie enjoys outdoor life and games.

Riding is her favourite habit and she loves horses even more than they love hay. Among other interests are tennis, badminton, darts and sailing.

Mollie will be going home to England on leave round about

SUSIE



There's a moon...so what's late science!

TIT BITS

Luba Skvortsov is back in town after a six-month globe trotting spree with her parents. Among the added charm she has brought back with her is an ensemble of "looks" which she displays to effect indeed!

At the European "Y" teen agers taking part in the "Y" production of the Christmas pantomime, "Red Riding Hood" are experiencing, for most of them, how it feels to have footlights staring back at you. At first they fought shy of them (that is, the teen agers, of the footlights) but now they (the teen agers) are getting quite used to them (the footlights), which means that Mr. Shepherd, the producer, will be ordering a new set of bulbs. The originals, all blinked out.

Quito d'Assuncao, will be leaving for Australia in a day or two, to join his brother Carlos who is in college down under. Both will be away from Hong Kong for some time. They were La Salle students then later, joined the Jesuit school, St. Louis Gonzaga in Macao, from which they graduated.

States and England and I can't help complaining why we in Hong Kong can't have the same fun as they.

If there isn't enough money for things like what I have mentioned, then all members of the club can subscribe to keep the going on. Also funds some ways there are millions around somewhere.

Esther Wilkinson.

Platter Chatter

Moonlight Serenader

A man walked up to a music counter and a large stack of records was placed before him. Extracting one at random, he glanced at it and handed it to the salesman saying "Shuffle 'em again, chum, I've got the Joker."

"But on how later, having gone through the shop's entire stock he asked in desperation, "If these are the only orchestras recording today, why don't they release the whole lot of Glenn Miller?"

This is not a true story but it could easily have been, prior to the recent arrival of the Miller reprints.

Missing in Flight
On December 15, 1944, Major Glenn Miller of the A.E.F. leaving for Paris from an R.A.F. base near Bedford, inquired on entering the plane, "Where are the parachutes?" A Colonel who was with him replied, "Do you want to live forever?"

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Pagan Love Song: Another of Glen's fine swing arrangements.

Others Like It Sweet
Waltzes: "Missouri" Waltz; Beautiful Ohio; Wonderful One; Alice Blue Gown. After listening to these one wonders at the audacity of the many self-styled "King-of-Waltzes".

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This Wren.

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"THERE SHE WAS—MERMA, IN A
CURIOUS LITTLE MOTORBOAT.
SHE LOOKED LOVELY—AND FURIOUS!"



"AND SHE WAS FURIOUS! SHE
BAWLED ME OUT, THEN SPED OFF."



THAT'S NOT SO
MYSTERIOUS.
SHE PROBABLY
HEADED FOR A
YACHT NEARBY.



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YOU—HERE'S SOME
CLOTHES—WILL YOU
PUT THEM ON,
DEARIE?



IT'S A CUTE DRESS...
AND IT FITS PERFECTLY...
I WONDER WHOSE IT IS?
SHE MUST BE JUST
MY SIZE...



WHO ARE YOU?
AND WHERE ARE
YOU TAKING ME?
I MUST HAVE A
DOCTOR FOR MY
ANKLE, RIGHT
AWAY!



COOL DOWN, LADY! I'M ASKING
THE QUESTIONS AROUND HERE!
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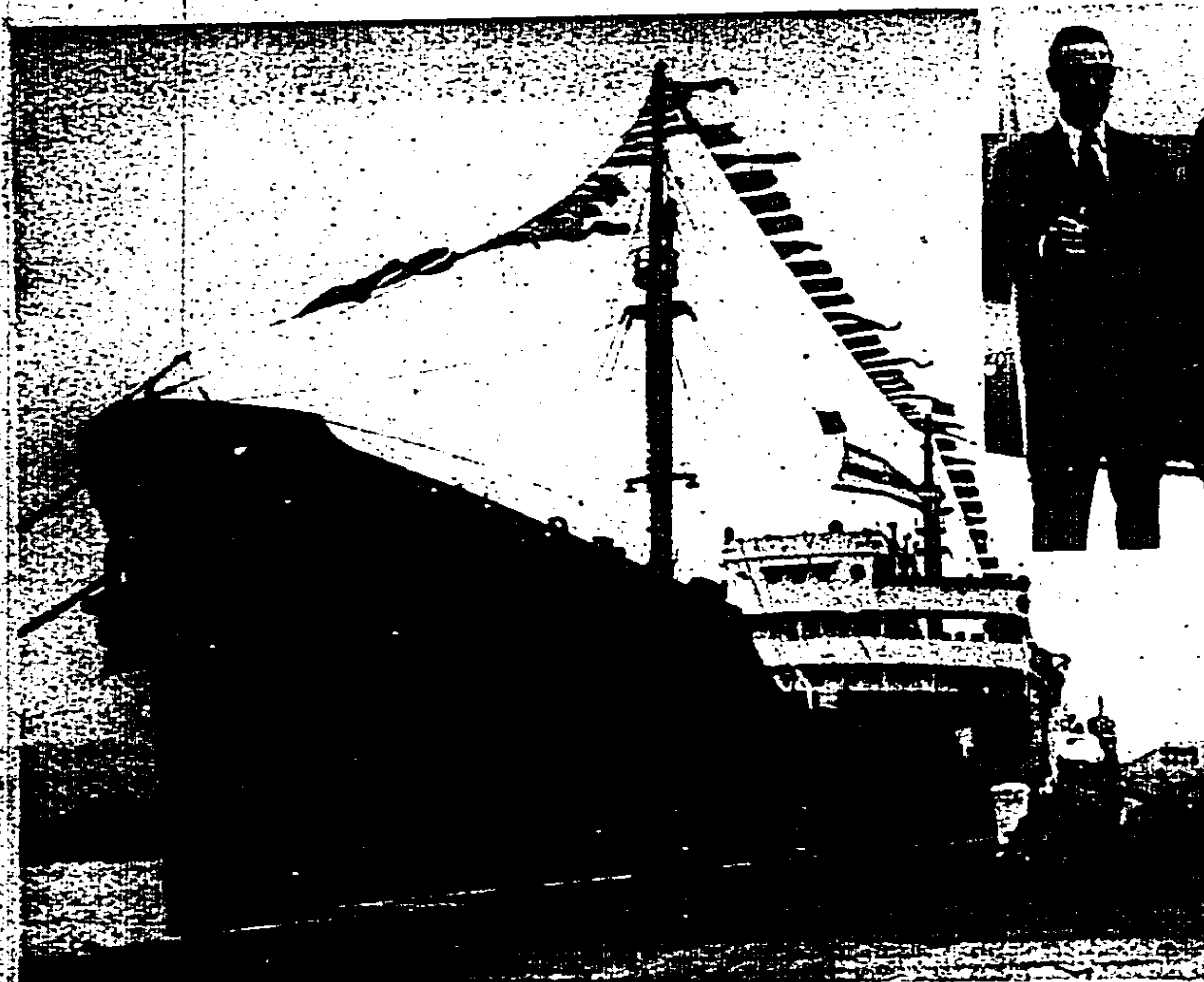


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HE'LL GET FAR,
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WE WANT THE AGENT HE WAS
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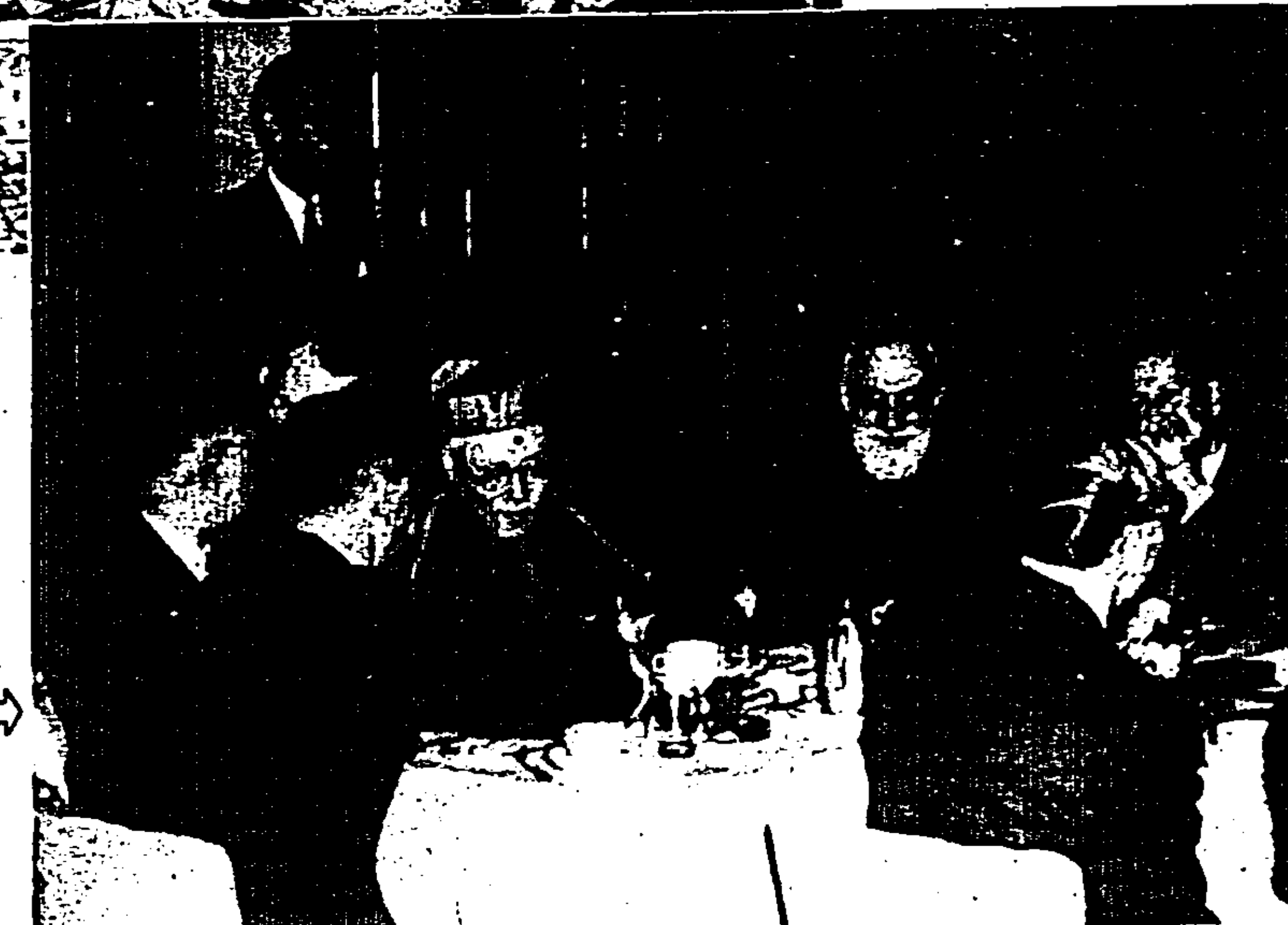


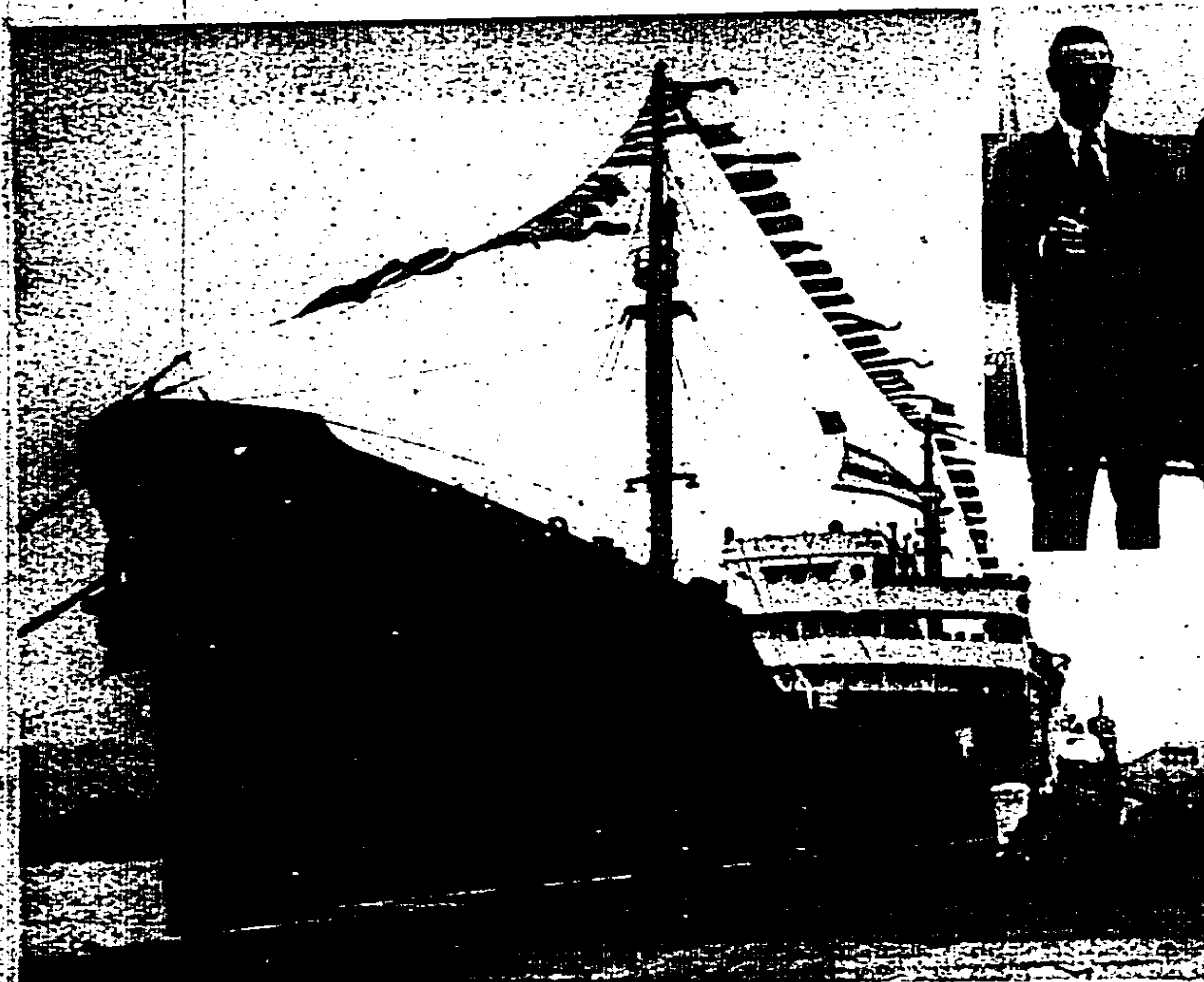
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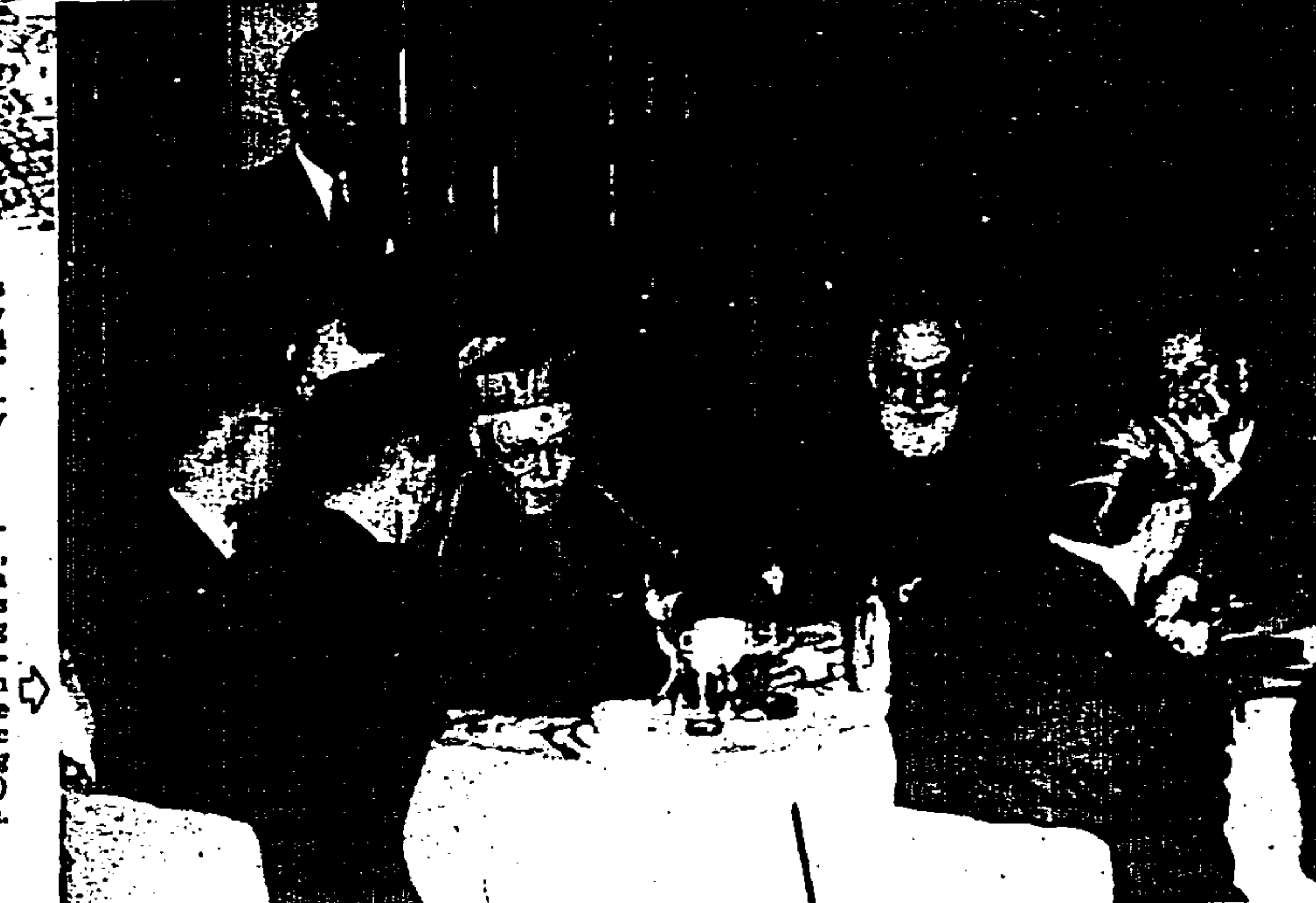


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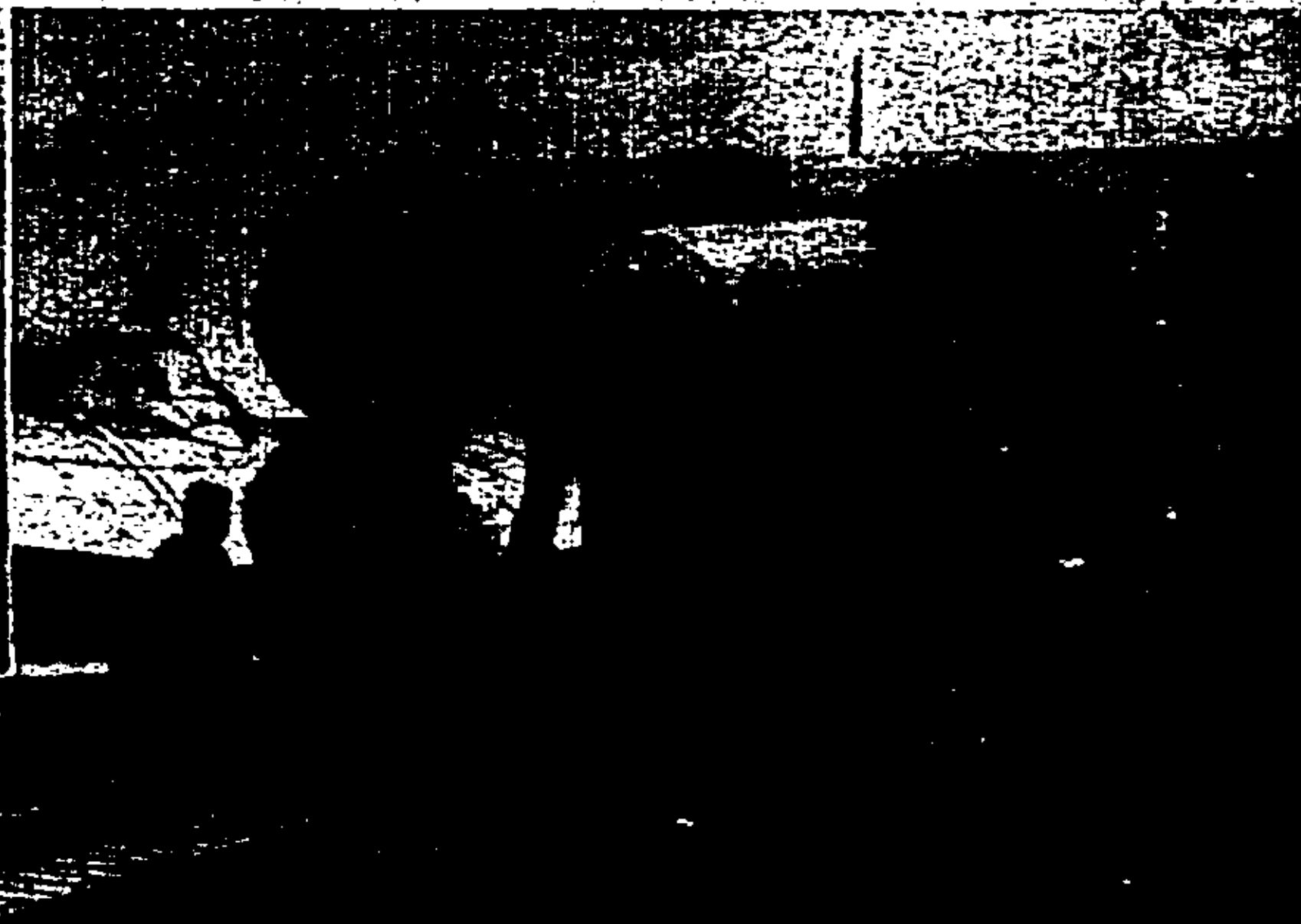
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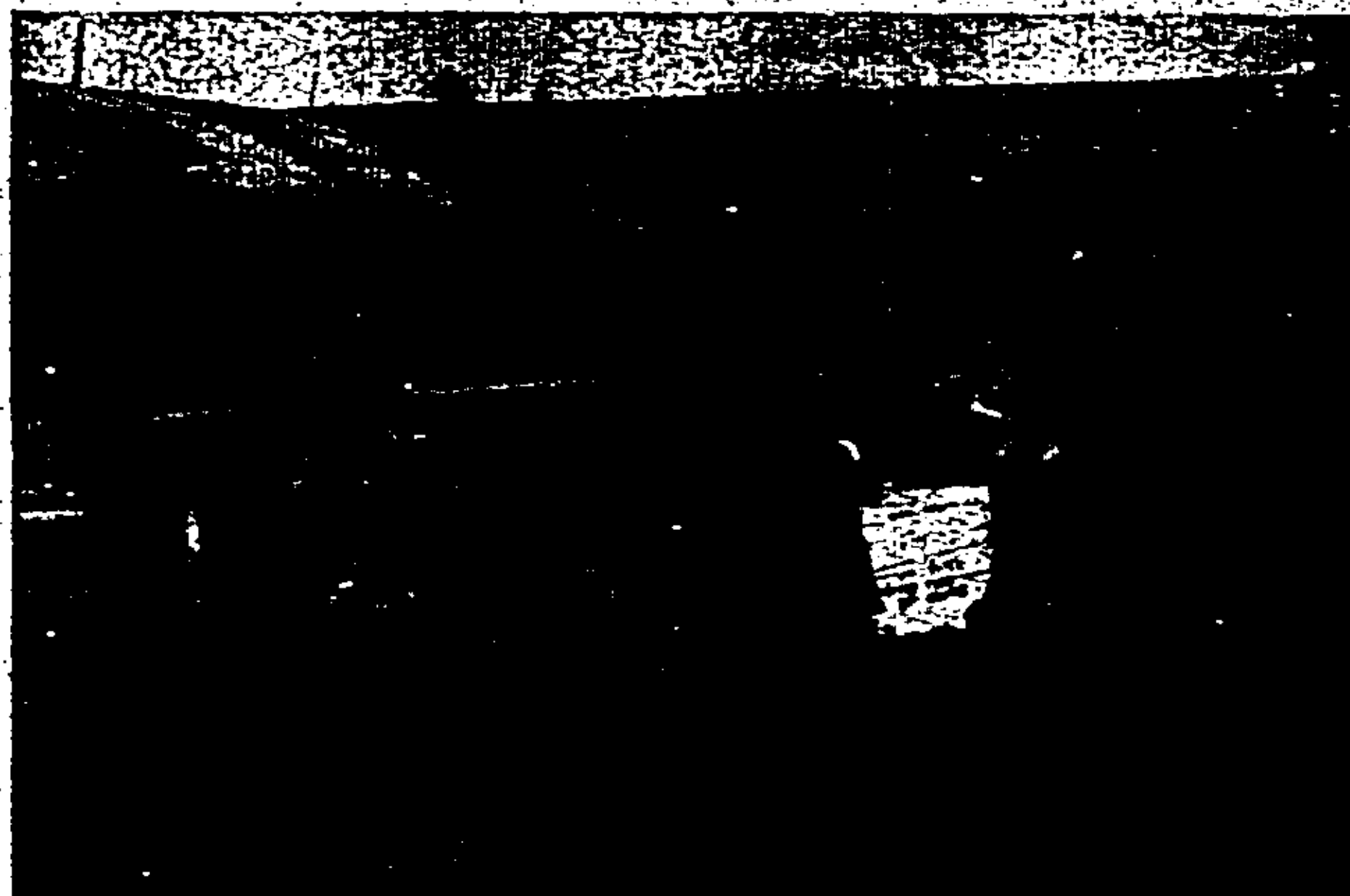
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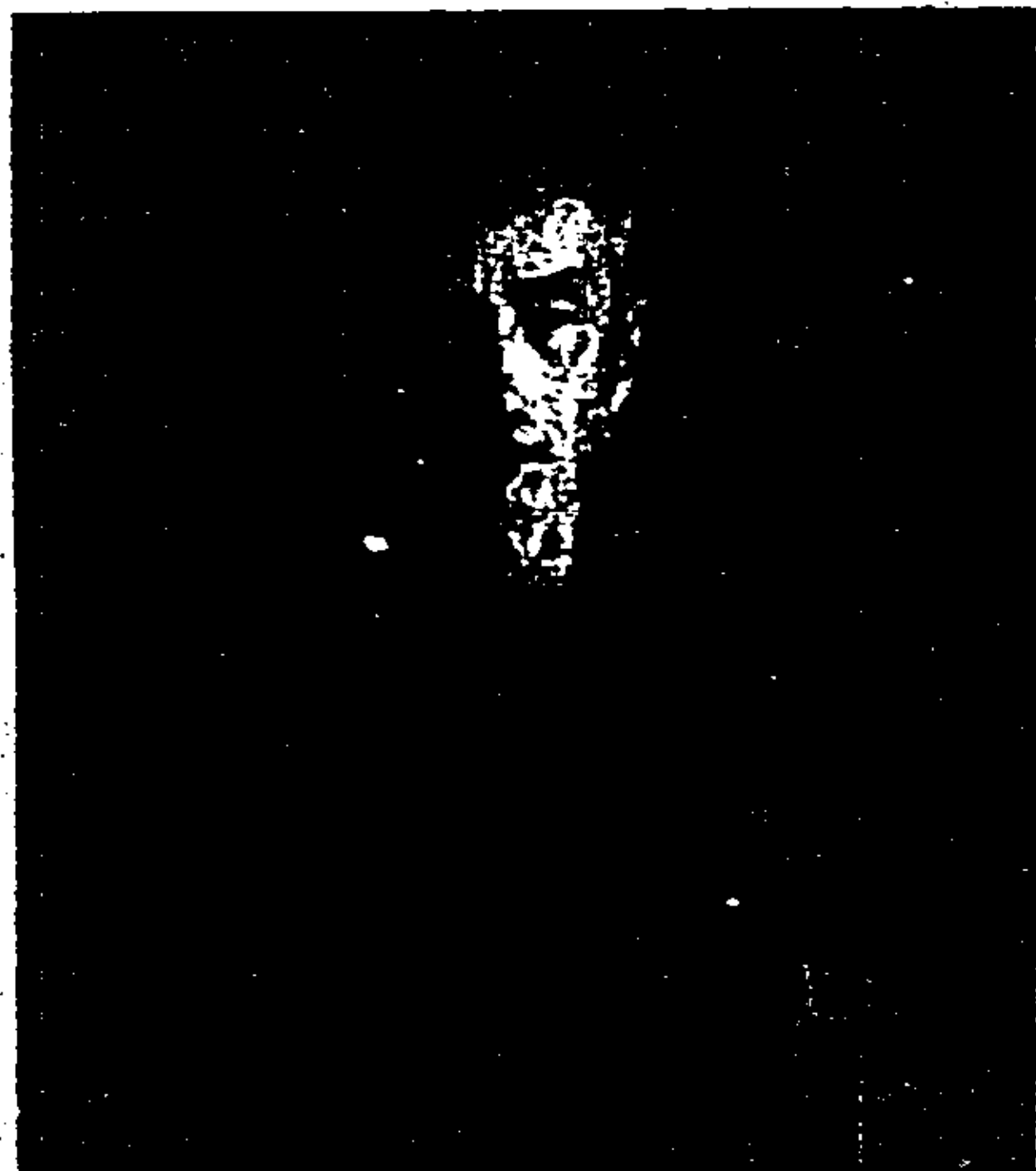


(Above) In the hangars are the emergency stores. This picture shows barrels of fat being stacked.

(Left) Tracing an oil leak in the engine of a Dakota. Working together on the job are Corporal Allison Fisher of Poole, Dorset, and AC/1 Kenneth Orr, a nineteen-year-old from Londonderry.



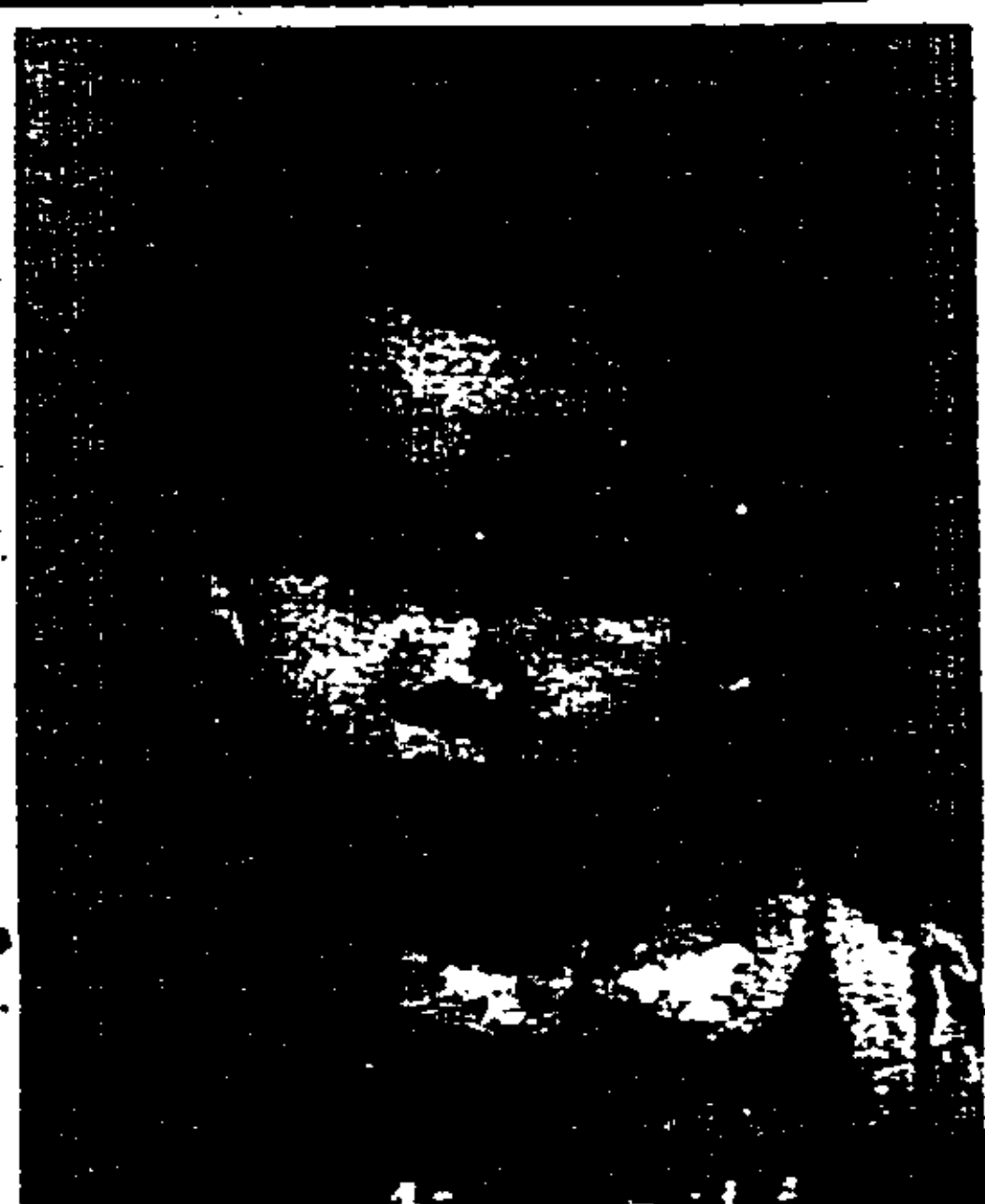
The emergency coal dump in one of the hangars is used only if the railways fail to keep a steady supply of coal to the aircraft.



From today until Saturday, December 18, the Hong Kong Working Artists' Guild is exhibiting paintings by Messrs. Yee Bon, Lee Byng and Luis Chan in the Hotel Cecil, Chater Road. Reproductions of five of the paintings appear on this page.



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JAVA EXPECTS DUTCH ATTACK IN SIX WEEKS

Jogjakarta, December 13.

The Republic of Indonesia today calmly awaits the renewal of Dutch hostilities within six weeks. Virtually all Republican circles viewed the Dutch decision to halt negotiations with the Republic as a literal warning that the Netherlands would resume last year's "police action."

Only one thing may halt resumption of hostilities, one Republican source said—if the United States brings pressure to bear. Although this is the general feeling in Jogjakarta, the Republican capital, there is no tension, no confusion.

Life here continues busy and orderly with reconstruction the keynote. However, major buildings in Jogjakarta have been damaged and the Republic is prepared to carry out a scorched earth policy should the Dutch strike. A 550-pound bomb has been planted in the building housing the Republican news agency Antara.

Republican quarters said the Dutch decision to break off negotiations had produced a feeling of relief within the Republic.

One source said, "Now we know where we stand according to the Dutch viewpoint, despite our heavy concessions during the recent talks. We are ready. We are waiting for them. We know they are coming."

Informed sources said they expected the Dutch to launch a general offensive before Christmas but now felt the arrival of the United Nations Committee of Good Offices on Wednesday, for a three-week stay, has naturally sharply decreased the chances of early action.

"But it is reasonable to expect the Dutch will come," a Republican source added, "and we believe it will be sometime in January following the formation of their interim government this month."

Republican Army sources said the Indonesian morale was high. They attributed this feeling to the recent Republican successes over the Communists in East Java. It was reported that the Republic planned to free all Communist prisoners and sympathizers, captured during the abortive September revolt, if the Dutch attack. This would include an estimated 30,000 members of the irregular Left Wing force, Laskar, or People's Army. In Amsterdam, the Leftist newspaper Het Parool predicted war in Indonesia before Christmas and pleaded for United States arbitration in the Dutch dispute with the Republic.

In a three-column front-page editorial, the newspaper said the

Dutch were preparing for a military reckoning with the Indonesian Republic.

"Our troops have ready rifles at present. Our government has started to prepare the people to thinking there is no other way out."

Het Parool said the Dutch were completely right in the Indonesian dispute, but the political world situation compelled them to take opinion abroad into account.

"Instead of fearing the world's intervention, we should ask it. We should hope and promote that arbitration of the United States would bring a solution of this long-drawn conflict which force never can bring."

There was no indication in official and semi-official circles in the Hague that resumption of hostilities was imminent.—United Press.

SOVIET FOOD PRODUCTION

Moscow, December 13. The Soviet food industry has increased production by 34.8 per cent since the end of the war, the Soviet Food Minister, M. V. P. Zolov, said today.

He added that owing to a tremendous increase in Socialist agriculture in the post-war five year plan, the food industry is being supplied with raw materials in ever-increasing quantities.—Reuter.

U.S. "Interference" In Java Seen

The Hague, December 13.

Dutch political sources said today they thought the Netherlands decision to establish an Interim Federal Government in Indonesia without the Republicans might affect the Netherlands' share of Marshall aid.

It was suggested that the United States had been quietly but steadily interfering in Indonesia by encouraging Indonesian Republican demands and criticising the Dutch attitude.

Blow To Anti-Red Campaign In East

London, December 13.

The Netherlands Government's decision to suspend negotiations with the Indonesian Republic may hamper the combined efforts of interested Governments, including Britain, to combat Communism in South East Asia.

The Dutch action came as something of a surprise to London. It is felt here that if an Interim Government is formed without the Republic in January, there may be some form of violent reaction by the more extremist and irresponsible elements among the Republicans.

Observers pointed to the more far-reaching question of whether the Communists, operating in the territory of the Republic may not gain renewed strength from the present breakdown in relations.—Reuter.

Armed Guards Put Over Government Banks In Shanghai

Shanghai, December 14.

The doors of the Central Bank of China and the Bank of China opened today under the protection of machine guns, armoured cars and riot squad police with bayoneted rifles.

During the past two weeks, thousands of Chinese, taking advantage of the Government offer to turn in Gold Yuan for gold and silver, have been growing increasingly unruly.

Massing up against the doors of the two banks, jamming streets, blocking the Bund side street traffic and often breaking out in gang fights for places in line, the would-be buyers of gold bars and silver dollars this morning were herded into perfect lines under the ungentle handling of the tough, helmeted riot squad police.

"Yellow Oxen"

Black Marias loaded with protesting Chinese slipped off to sea.

As far as half a mile in either direction along the Bund from the two banks, riot squad members were stationed.

The Garden Bridge across Soochow Creek was guarded at both ends.

Policemen told the United Press that all these measures were purely precautionary just in case organised mobsters of "Yellow Ox" gangs, who have been most unruly among the queuers since gold and silver sales opened, might try to force their way through police lines.

Yellow Ox gangs, which have long plagued Shanghai's economy through clever manipulation of commodities, supplies and black market activities, have been having a heyday in the current gold and silver sales.

Racket Broken

They hire stooges to stand long hours in line, take over gold purchases at 721,000 per ounce or silver dollars purchasable at the equivalent of less than 33 US cents, and then take it out to resell at more than double the cost to persons unwilling to line up.

These gangs are highly resentful of the police breaking up their racket.—United Press.

SHIP DISASTER INVESTIGATION

Shanghai, December 14.

The District Procurator will start on-the-spot investigation today of the sinking of the 2,000-ton China Merchants steamer, Kiangya, which foundered a fortnight ago near Woosung, with a total loss of some 3,000 lives. The China Merchants company is despatching a special tender to take investigating procurators to the scene of the mishap some 15 miles off the Woosung breakwater.

Two technical experts will accompany the procurators on the trip. The company will also bring its navigation and engineering experts.—Reuter.

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M.V. BATAAN	"	Early Jan.

SAILINGS TO EUROPE

M.V. OLUF MAERSK	Loading	10th Jan.
M.V. TONGHAI	"	4th Feb.

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"TJISADANE" from Javaport, 24th Dec.	to Javaport, 26th Dec.
"TASMAN" from Javaport, 24th Dec.	to Javaport, 26th Dec.
"TJIBADAK" from Javaport, 24th Dec.	to Javaport, 26th Dec.

ASIA-AFRICA-SOUTH AMERICA SERVICE

Arrivals	Departures
"TJIRANPEK" from Javaport, 24th Dec.	to Javaport, 26th Dec.
"TEGELBERG" from Javaport, 24th Dec.	to Javaport, 26th Dec.
"TRYS" from Javaport, 24th Dec.	to Javaport, 26th Dec.

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SUMATRA-MALAYA-CHINA SERVICE

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"TITJALENGKA"

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m.v. "TONGHAI"	4th Feb.

LOADING FOR U.S. ATLANTIC COAST VIA LOS ANGELES

m.v. "DONA NATI"	24th Dec.
m.v. "BENARES"	10th Jan.
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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

CZECHOSLOVAKIA LOOKING FOR COTTON SUPPLY FROM AMERICA

Hague, December 14:

Soviet Russia's 45,000 tons of cotton promised to Czechoslovakia in 1949 will fill only one tenth of the country's milling capacity.

More cotton is being negotiated for in the United States, Egypt and India.

Ladislav Kellon, Deputy General Manager of the nationalised textile industry, Contrex, said today that there was also hopes of getting cotton from Brazil.

London Stock Exchange

London, December 13.

A premium of 5/ per share was established when dealings started in Austin Motor new shares today. Trading was active and provided what was almost the only bright feature in otherwise idle and colourless markets.

Government stocks were widely 1/16 lower and there was an easier tendency throughout the industrial sector. The market for iron and steel was a few pence off but textiles showed resistance and responded with slight improvements to small provincial support.

Interest in the market was small and the trend was to lower levels. News of the proposed increase in the authorised capital of the Royal Dutch Company had little effect on the share price.

In the inter-continental mining section, persistent small demand lifted South African mines to 3/9. South Africa mines met small Cape selling and were generally easier.

SECURITIES: British Consols, 2 1/2, 79 3/4.

Consolidated Loan, 5 1/2, 106 1/2.

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Japan Budget On The Table

Tokyo, December 14.

The House of Representatives planned a full session for this afternoon to consider the controversial supplementary budget which already has touched off labour unrest.

At the same time the Lower House may vote non-confidence in Prime Minister Shigeru Yoshida's government, thus permitting its dissolution and a new election next year.

The budget, which SCAP officials have approved, doubtless will be passed. The question was how soon action would be taken. It provides for the doubling of wages of government employees—measure which caused new salary demands from private workers.

Japanese circles expect the Lower House to be dissolved around December 15.—Associated Press.

Investment reports from Costa Rica called in the morning down 2 1/2. Costa Rica and Nicaragua bonds, however, were a few pence off but textiles showed resistance and responded with slight improvements to small provincial support.

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S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Europe via Saigon	Mid Jan.
S.S. "GRONLAND"	Europe via Singapore	ex/arr about 20th Dec.
SAILING TO		
S.S. "MANDO"	Europe via Saigon	Wed. Jan.
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Europe via Singapore	Mid Jan.
S.S. "GRONLAND"	Europe via Saigon	ex/arr about 21st Dec.
S.S. "CHAMPOLLION"	Europe via Saigon	End Jan.

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HONGKONG (Bank) ex-Singapore

TOMORROW

BRADYVETT (Everett) ex-Singapore
HONGKONG (Bank) ex-Singapore

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EDENBAC (Bank) for New Zealand
HONGKONG (Bank) for New Zealand

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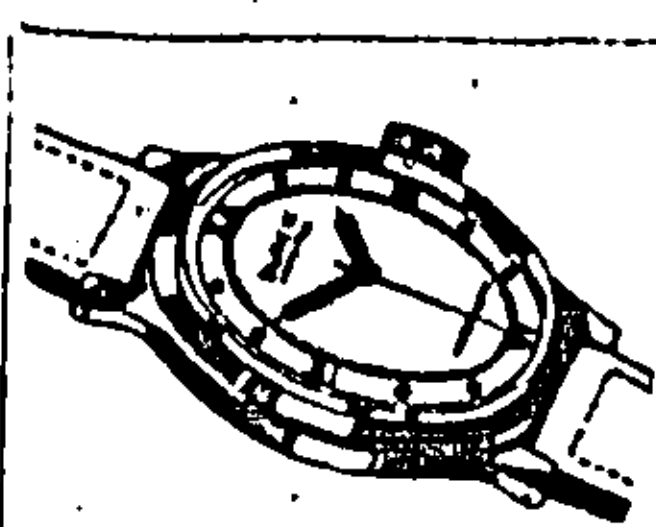
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The Colony's biggest and most attractive exhibition of goods made in Hong Kong will be opened by the Governor at 4 p.m. tomorrow.

Many of the stalls have been built to represent Chinese palaces, the principal ones being the Hong Kong, Preserved Ginger, Distillation, Limited and the Amoy Canning Factory.

Many prospective buyers of Hong Kong products have already arrived in the Colony from Malaya, Siam and Indonesia. A Trade Mission from Manila is also here and will visit the Exhibition.

The Exhibition's management committee has arranged accommodation for these potential purchasers of local products at special rates. The committee has been working for the past six months in preparation for the exhibition.

The estimated cost of the Exhibition is between HK\$200,000 and HK\$300,000. More than 500 volunteer workers have been recruited to run the show.

More than 1,000 guests have been invited to the opening ceremony at 4 p.m. tomorrow. Cocktails will be served between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in a large Nissen hut in which the management committee's offices have been installed.

The main feature of the Exhibition is the main front house made of aluminium sheet. It will be brightly lit up at night by neon lights.

Stalls of numerous and different designs are said to compare favourably with those of the British Industries Fair, judging from the remarks by one of the representatives who attended the last BIF in London.

All the 228 stalls have been taken up by various factories in addition to 34 amusement stands with numerous attractions. Some of the products on display may be obtained at special prices. For soft drinks and light refreshments, a special stall has been set up.

The minimum front gate cost about \$20,000, contributed jointly by the P. & O. Thermos Co., Ltd., and I. Feng and Co., Ltd.

The National Lacquer and Paint Products Co., Ltd., painted without charge all the roofs of the stalls. The cost of the paint alone is said to be about \$15,000. Amoy Canning Factory contributed an elaborate festoon and Sang Fat Long donated the second gate.

By now all entries should have been received for the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club Christmas Regatta, the finals of which will be held on Sunday and Monday, December 26 and December 27, with preliminary heats next weekend. The outline programme for this Regatta is given below.

Sunday, December 18:
Third in the Ladies' Dinghy Race Series.
First Star Regatta heat.
Second in the Dragon, Corinthian series.

North and last in the Jubilee Autumn Shield Series.
Normal starting times for these races will be adopted.

A.M. Sunday, December 19:
First in the Open Dinghy Regatta Championship.
Second heat of the Star event.
Team races arranged for the morning are put off until after Christmas and the New Year.

P.M. Sunday, December 19:
Fourth and final race in the Autumn Open Dinghy Series.

Monday, December 20:
Cruisers start at 7 a.m. to race to Macao and back, starting from Kellett Island.

The Dragon programme has not yet been announced but it is believed they will cruise to Middle Island and back for the day.

Two four-hulls of the Star event will be held.
Two Jubilee races will be held. In the morning the Ladies' Dinghy race will be held, which counts both for the Regatta and for the best three out of four races in the Autumn Series.

The second heat of the Open Dinghy Regatta event will be held in the afternoon.
Monday, December 27:
In the morning will be held the team race in dinghies between the Club Team and the Combined Services Team with at the same time a relay race between four teams each consisting of a Dragon, a Jubilee, a Star and a Dinghy.

Monday afternoon there will be a harbour race for Dragons.
Finals in the Dinghy and Star events.

The Travessa Trophy race for ships' lifeboats.
The draw for next week-end boat will be available at the Club tomorrow. Competitors should ascertain from the Secretary in which heats they are racing. Full programme for the Regatta is being printed as a pamphlet and will be distributed early next week.

The Star races in the Regatta will count towards the Autumn Star Series in lieu of the past two week-ends when the Stars have not been available for racing.

Last week-end saw the first in the Dragon Corinthian Series in which one of the rules is that a professional boatman may not be carried. This Series consists of three races and will be continued after Christmas.

The New Year's programme of racing in the various classes, apart from Dragons, will start on Saturday, January 15. Further details about this will be given after Christmas.

Japanese Shell Found



A dud Japanese shell was found outside Bay View Hotel by workmen digging in the area yesterday morning. It had been fired but failed to explode. As a result of a Police message, Staff Sergeant Nice of the Ammunition Section of the RASC was sent out to investigate. Later in the day with the help of other Ammunition Section men, the shell was removed to the ammunition dump of the RASC. It will be dumped at sea today.

PEREIRA'S HAT-TRICK
SENDS THE NAVY DOWN

(By "Mid On")

"Spotty" Pereira, who has opened the Recreio bowling with so much success from the commencement of the season, performed the "hat-trick" against Navy on Saturday to give his side a five-wicket win.

Pereira, one of the Colony's most consistent bowlers, is at the top of his form and more should be heard of him as time goes on. His analysis of 8.4—3—13—6 spoke of the way he tied the batsmen up on Saturday. With Gerry Gosano taking 3 for 13, the Navy were all out for a meagre 27, there being no extras.

Albert Rodrigues opened the innings for Recreio and appeared set for a big score when he mistimed one from Hart to give Anthoni an easy catch. Then followed some anxious moments for the Recreio until Gerry Gosano played a typical innings and was undefeated with 53 to his credit.

Recreio are about the best fielding team in the League today and if only they had a couple more batsmen upon whom they could depend to get some runs, they would be well-nigh unbeatable, as their bowling is always good, if not dangerously so.

Kowloon Cricket Club could only muster 11 when they took first knock against Club "Optimists" at Chater Road. It was good to see Teddy Fincher batting as of yore, the veteran KCC player making 45 as the result of good, steady cricket.

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Kitchell, Nazarin and Tsmall were the chief scorers for IRC and when their last man, Samy, was out they needed nine runs to win. The first ball they received went for a four—the result of a lucky snick, and while the rest of the team held their breath in the pavilion, he tried to repeat the performance with the next delivery and was not so lucky, so the undergraders pucked their bags and went home with another four points.

E. Nole was the "big noise" for Navy seconds in their match against Recreio who were beaten by 40 wickets. Nole kept an inaccurate length throughout his 7 overs to take 7 wickets for just over two runs apiece. With the Recreio total at 53, the sailors went to town and their opening pair knocked off the required runs before they retired—Hughes (33) and Harris (11).

Thanks to Gail (36), Marshall (37) and Blume (28 not out), Air Force were able to declare at 131 for 6 against the Army at Sookunpoo, but the RAF bowlers just could not get going and Army played out time to force a draw, their score at "stumps" being 69 for 7.

The opening meet of the Hunt Club will take place at the Officers Mess 2/10 Gurkha Rifles Sanwal on Sunday at 11 a.m.

FOOTBALL LEAGUERS
MUST WEAR NUMBERS

At the monthly meeting of the Hong Kong Football Association Council yesterday, it was decided that as from January 1, the jerseys of all players participating in the Hong Kong Football League must be numbered.

The Council also decided that the result of the Senior Shield match between Chinese AA and Club at Boundary Street on December 5, must stand, notwithstanding a strong protest by the Chinese A.A. regarding the conduct of the referee in sending off one of their players by mistake.

The application of the South China Athletic Association and the Combined Services to run a charitable competition to be called the Sir Man-kam Lo Cup Competition, was deferred pending certain modifications to the existing Rules of the Association.

Shield Competition

The draw for the Second Round of the Shield Competition, which will be played on January 8 and January 9, resulted as follows:

SENIOR DIVISION
Army v St. Joseph's
Kit Chee v Eastern
Police v Club
S. China "A" v S. China "B"

JUNIOR DIVISION
K. Motor Bus v Club of Navy
Chinese A.A. v South China
Talkoo v Dockyard
Tramways v Solicitors

It was decided that the second game in the Governor's Cup Competition be played at Caroline Hill on January 16.

A letter from the Chinese A.A. protesting strongly against the conduct of Captain Stone, the referee, in sending off one of their players during the Chinese A.A. and Club Senior Shield Match on December 5, was read to the meeting, as also a letter from Captain Stone.

After lengthy discussion, the meeting decided that under the Rules of the Association, the result of the match must stand and that there could be no question of a re-play.

New Rulings

The meeting then considered certain recommendations by the Referees' Sub-Committee. These recommendations, which consisted of the following, were adopted by the meeting:

(a) Non-Chinese referees in warming, cautioning and ordering a Chinese player, should do so speaking English, despite the fact that the game might be held up.

(b) All linesmen should have watches which should be synchronised with the watch of the referee before the kick-off.

(c) Only five minutes, as covered by the Laws of the Game, be permitted for the interval.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

Over 45s v Under 45s

OLD COURSE

9.20 A.E. Lissman v G.G. Carter.

9.24 L.W. Shawan v K.S. Kitchner.

9.28 K. Hatturst v D.B. Robb.

9.32 N.C. Marsh v D.A.O. Davies.

9.36 K.S. Robertson v N.S. Gordon (Captain's Cup).

9.40 C.H.T. Suen v N.A. Brown.

9.44 J.R. Cleland v R.K. Collins.

9.48 A. McKellar v F.T. McMullen.

9.52 W.G. Robertson v D.A. Davies.

9.56 E. McLaren v G. Stewart.

10.00 P.C. Barry v J.L.C. Pearce.

10.04 H.H. Mundy v A. Somerville.

10.08 T.H. Low v W. Hume.

10.12 F. de Jong v W.B. Vaughan.

10.16 E. Sainsbury v D.L. Prophet.

NEW COURSE

9.20 W.H. Nollath v G.F. Wood.

9.24 G.H.S. Thomson v J.M. Patterson.

9.28 J. Linaker v J.M. Tan.

9.32 W.N.A. Smalley v L. Jackson.

9.36 J.A.R. Selby v A. Mabb.

9.40 E.R. Hill v J. Dyer.

9.44 A.D. Humphreys v R.M. Wood.

9.48 H.C. Watson v D. Hume.

9.52 J. Forbes v J.L. MacIntyre.

9.56 A.H. McBride v G.G. Alton.

10.00 E.P. Stratfield v W. Hume.

10.04 D.H. Blake v L.D. Fringle.

10.08 N.E. Wallim v K. Noble.

10.12 E. Grove v W.H. Patterson.

10.16 E. Brodie v G.P. Ferguson.

FOURSCORES—OLD COURSE

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2.00 Barry-Stratfield v Pearce-D. Hume.

2.04 Mundy-Blake v Somerville-Pringle.

2.08 Low-Wallim v Hume-Noble.

2.12 de Jong-Grove v Vaughan-Patterson.

2.16 Sainsbury-Brodie v Prophet-Ferguson.

Any one going out by car and having any spare seats are requested to telephone the Secretary (Tel. 2240). Those requiring transport are also requested to notify the Secretary.

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KBGC
FINALE

The Kowloon Bowling Green Club will hold their closing day on Saturday, December 18, commencing at 2.15 p.m. when a team representing the President will play a team composed of players chosen by the Vice-President. Following the game, prizes won during the season will be distributed.

Visitors from other clubs are being invited to participate.

The Club's competitions have ended successfully. In the Club's singles championship A. L. G. Eastman beat J. McKelvie in the final. Eastman, in his path to the final, beat Whelpton, Spary, Gellatly, Chittenden and Sykes while McKelvie beat Harlie, Bailey and Morrison.

Other results were as follows:

Singles for President's Cup: Winner, C. Dewman, runner-up, J. Fraser.

Singles for Vice-President's Cup: Winner, J. McKelvie, runner-up, W. H. Bailey.

Pairs Handicap: Winner, V. Chittenden and W. H. Bailey (plus 4), runner-up, J. McKelvie and R. Morrison (Scratch).

Triples Handicap: Winner, Hemmings, W.F. Simpson and S. Shields (plus 12), runner-up, Gellatly, Close and Chittenden (plus 8). Non-Prize winners: Winner, L. G. Coombes, runner-up, W.J. Wigginton.

Prize-Giving
At KJS

The King George V School hall was full to capacity at the prize-giving of the Kowloon Junior School at 5.30 p.m. yesterday.

Parents and guests were all delighted with the stage productions, resplendent with colour and music. The children performed most capably and the hall rang with applause every time the curtain fell.

After Miss M.J. Stuart, Headmistress of the School, addressed the company, prizes were distributed by Mrs. T.H. Rowell.

Mr. Rowell, on behalf of the school, thanked Mr. Ferguson, Principal of the King George V School, for his kindness in lending the school hall for the occasion.

Souvenirs were presented to Mrs. Rowell and Miss Stuart by the children at the end of the function.

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TOURING TEAM
DOWN AGAIN

At the Chinese YMCA yesterday evening, the Singapore touring table-tennis team suffered defeat the third time in Hong Kong at the hands of the Yaumatei Old Boys' team.

The Singapore star player Loo Kum-soon went down under the onslaught of Lee Ping. With the exception of Chan Fook-kee, who won the local man Chung Hing-chau two games in succession, all the Singapore players lost.

The scores were as follows:—
Chung Chin-sing (Hong Kong) beat Chua Kim-hernie 10-21, 21-18;
Vong Wing-heung (Hong Kong) beat Chan Pong-ying 21-15, 21-13;
Lee Ping (Hong Kong) beat Loo Kum-soon 21-18, 21-17;
Chung Hing-kwan (Hong Kong) beat Lye Ying-hen 18-21, 21-16, 21-15;
Chan Fook-kee (Singapore) beat Chung Hing-chau 21-18, 21-18.

Protection He Sold
Did Not Help Him

A "ghost money" racketeer came to the end of his criminal career when the police caught him in the act of victimising fish-stall holders at Reclamation Street in Kowloon.

He was seen approaching the stall holders for "ghost money," otherwise known as "protection money," on Saturday. The suspicion of the police was aroused and when he was seen again later that same day making another round of the stalls, he was apprehended.

Investigation revealed that he had been exacting money from the stall holders and in return, promised them immunity from the police. He obtained a total of HK\$50 from three stall holders on Friday, and on one occasion, stated specifically that he was collecting on behalf of the police.

Before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday, Li Kai pleaded guilty to the three counts of obtaining money by false pretences preferred against him.

The prosecution, conducted by Inspector Charles Mottum with the assistance of Detective Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes, said that in most cases, the offender usually gave the police some assistance in their efforts to expose the racket but in this particular instance, defendant absolutely refused to disclose the facts.

When questioned, defendant said that he was working on his own. It was just a bright idea of his to get rich quick, he said.

"I take an extremely serious view of this," declared the magistrate. Sentence of three years' imprisonment was imposed.

Defendant's wife with a baby in her arms and tears in her eyes, begged for the option of a fine. Mr. Latimer's answer was an emphatic "No!"

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